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Stanley Cup Comes to Haliburton County This Weekend

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

I remember I was six when I pictured my first Stanley Cup final. You may have indulged in similar passion plays. Fulsome in my mind's eye, at dusk, on empty outdoor rink, with snow falling and a wind howling blithe and biting off the frozen Rideau River. The seventh game of the Stanley Cup finals.

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The Stanley Cup Schedule

Friday February 6

7 pm - 10 pm - Haliburton Legion

Saturday February 7

11:15am - 12:30pm - Curry Motors - Haliburton
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm - Sharpley Sports - Haliburton
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - McKecks Place - Haliburton
7 pm - 9 pm - S.G. Nesbitt Arena - Minden

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Minden Hills Budget a Tough Sell

Liz Danielsen
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Municipal budget deliberations in Minden Hills hit a bad patch last week, and all indications are that it may be a bit of a bumpy ride for Council and staff until the budget is passed in mid February. Discussions are ongoing and no formal decision has been made, but Council indicated

last Thursday that an increase in tax levies could be something that residents can expect.

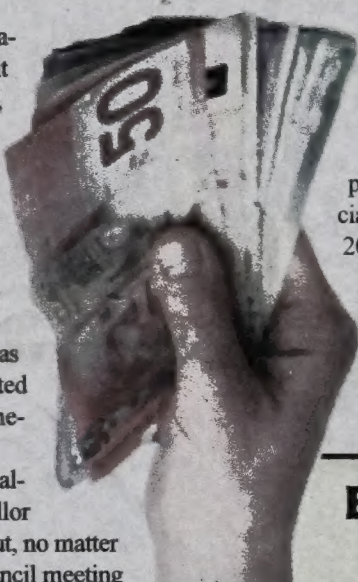
Over the past few years the financial position of the municipality has been fairly healthy. At least, that's according to Councillor Peter Oyler, who is responsible for the Finance Committee. But, no matter how you cut it, things did look a bit bleak last week at the Council meeting and there are a number of factors contributing to that. First and foremost, municipal treasurer Lorrie Blanchard was faced with reporting a deficit of \$375,000; a deficit that none of the Council members were prepared for.

Trying to determine exactly where the deficit came from or what the budget figures actually were proved to be difficult as no budget package was made available to the press until after the meeting. And during discussions about the 2008 deficit (as well as the 2009 budget) there were a number of references made about the need to discuss undisclosed issues in closed session. Certainly, transparency was not the order of the day.

During the meeting, Blanchard detailed the reasons for the deficit which included under-budgeting the cost of policing, unanticipated insurance costs, higher than budgeted wage and benefits, litigation costs and overruns in the Parks & Recreation Department. In addition problems were encountered with accruing portions of wages and overtime costs. Blanchard said that there were a number of internal departmental over expenditures which were largely attributed to uncontrolled external factors such as weather and associated overtime for road maintenance, higher fuel prices, repairs and maintenance to aging infrastructure and unrealized revenues due to the current economic climate.

A portion of the deficit appeared to be related to wages and benefits and, even though it was recommended that these costs be discussed in closed session, Reid was adamant that her concerns about the extent of the increases be noted for the record in open session. She also asked for a comparison of wages and benefits by department.

Reid later said, "I was dismayed to hear that Council wasn't advised about



the 2008 deficit on the 19th of January when we got our second round budget package. We clearly have some management reporting issues."

Speaking about the deficit after the meeting Oyler said, "A large part of it relates to uncontrollable external expenses. The provincial funding formula for policing of municipalities changed during 2008, increasing the costs per household dramatically. The provincial grant that we receive barely covers the cost of policing and the final cost, which remains an unknown until year end, came in much higher than what we anticipated."

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Brock Brown Headed to Hawaii for Some Runs in the Sun

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Red Hawk player to Participate in 10th Annual King Kamehameha Football Classic

Last fall Red Hawk gridiron legend Brock Brown decided to return for a fifth year of study at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS).

The decision was purely academic, but of course, when you just happen to be one of the best running backs ever to jive, juke and jangle down the chalk-etched sideline of Red Hawk Field, there's no harm in mixing a little pleasure with the business end of what has morphed of a sudden into sound scholarly decision.

Riding on the coattails of this decision, an offer to play for one of the most respected university football programs in Canada (University of Western Ontario Mustangs) and a subsequent opportunity to travel to Hawaii and the King Kamehameha Classic in July to strut his stuff at an elite football showcase camp for North American high school seniors.

Things are moving quickly for the soft-spoken Minden student-athlete, but he remains solidly glued to ground with an eye on the real prize.

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Minden Budget: "The demands of meeting the building code were far beyond our expectations"

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Oyler also said that during 2008 a new wage and benefit grid had been established for management and other non-union staff. According to Oyler, the grid was approved after the budget had been adopted. Just how much this contributed to the deficit at year end was unclear at the meeting as that part of the discussion took place in closed session. Blanchard later clarified that the grid did not contribute to the year-end deficit in any way.

When asked what he thought had contributed to the overrun, Oyler admitted that internal 'errors and omissions' had been made on last year's budget. He also said that corrective measures were being taken.

As to resolving the deficit, Oyler says it will be recovered through contributions from reserves and the budgeting program in subsequent years. He said, "One of the purposes of general reserves is to balance things in the event of a deficit year. A prudent council will ensure the reserves are replenished as part of the budgeting process in subsequent years. Our reserves are in very good shape and they will be paid back over time through improvements to our infrastructure, additional assessments and through growth."

In fact, in a memo from Blanchard to Council, she detailed that the reserves have actually decreased by just over 18 percent since 2006. Blanchard had a number of recommendations to make about managing reserves.

Then there was the matter of a substantial overrun on the project for the Minden River King's dressing room. The project, originally budgeted at \$35,000 has somehow managed to escalate to \$83,000 which doesn't include the cost of much of the labour. And to make matters worse, the project is not complete. An additional \$25,000 needs to be spent in 2009 to install an HVAC system and complete the finishing touches.

Rick Cox, Director of Community Services, outlined the difficulties that had been encountered when preparing the dressing room and a Quonset hut to replace a storage area. While \$35,000 was set aside for the project, which was to come out of reserves and be recovered through future rentals and ice time, estimates reached \$57,000 resulting in a decision by Council to allow the project to be completed in house. According to Cox, the demands of meeting the building code were 'far beyond our expectations.'

When asked why the project proceeded without further discussion, Cox said it was because of the commitment made to the River Kings to have a dressing room ready for them. Although it was apparent that no one on Council was happy about this over expenditure, they passed a resolution (with Councillor Reid dissenting) authorizing funds to cover the overrun.

Again, Councillor Reid voiced her dismay that the overrun, and the fact that the project was not yet complete, had only been brought to Council's attention on the 19th of January, when the River Kings have been using the facility since the fall.

One of the budgetary decisions that remains to be made is whether or not Council will proceed with the Economic Development

Master Plan. The bids still need to be evaluated and costs for the project have not been included in the budget so far. No funds have been included towards establishing a dog/cat pound or to furnish the new library. According to Blanchard there is no contingency to cover furnishings and if the Municipality is not successful in raising donations or receiving a grant they will have to cover the costs which are not included in the draft budget.

According to Oyler, despite the increases in assessment, Council

is considering implementing a 2 1/2 percent mill rate increase. He said, "With the exception of one year, tax rate increases between 2000 and 2008 have been at or below the rate of inflation."

At the thought of higher mill rates, Reid said, "In light of the assessment increases, I'm absolutely opposed to a mill rate increase until Council has taken a sharper pencil to the budget."

Council will be voting on the budget on February 12th and the Voice will provide budget totals, mill rates and highlights for Minden Hills at that time. ■

From Left to right: (Back) Kathleen Tedford, Emma Paul, Michelle Bailey, Hannah Klose. (Front) Charlotte and Betty Paton. Absent is Annie McBrien.

When 13-year-old Michelle Bailey got the call informing her that she was chosen for the lead role as Annie for the musical production with the same name she was overcome with joy.

"I was very excited," said Bailey in an interview with The Voice. "My parents were away in Florida for a couple of days and I answered the phone."

Bailey was one of the more than 20 youngsters who tried out for the role during recent auditions held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. At the auditions, entrants had to sing one verse or 16 bars of a song from a musical theatre production other than Annie.

And after lengthy consideration, Director Scot Denton and Music Director Melissa Stephens chose Bailey because of her strong stage presence, acting, singing and dancing skills.

"Her extensive stage experience, even at such a young age, was obvious in her presentation," said Denton in a Highlands Summer Festival press release. "She showed us a confidence that a demanding role like this requires."

Though Michelle resides in Midhurst with her parents Ken and Nancy, the family has cottaged for generations on Little Boshkung Lake near Carnarvon.

Bailey says she was inspired to get into acting by friends of the family who are singing teachers. She had her first serious role at the age of seven, taking a part as one of the orphan's in Annie.

"I want to keep acting when I'm older," she said when asked if she was interested in pursuing a future career in theatre.

Bailey has a lengthy resume for her age with roles in shows such as: Anything Goes, The Wiz, The Sound of Music and Seussical the Musical. She also has extensive training in dance and singing.

Some of the other young actors who tried out for the musical that will launch this year's Highlands Summer Festival on

Annie

Monday, June 29, were given roles as orphans. These characters play an important part in helping to set the scene, both at the orphanage and later at the home of Daddy Warbucks. They also share a great deal of the singing and dancing responsibilities with the lead. Those cast as orphans include: Hannah Klose (10), Annie McBrien (9), Betty Paton (9), Charlotte Paton (6), Emma Paul (13) and Kathleen Tedford (13). All are from the Haliburton area except for McBrien, a Toronto area resident.

Annie is musical based on the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and the book by Thomas Meehan. Annie is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled

adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

For more information on how to get tickets for the Highlands Summer Festival and for information on other shows go to www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. ■



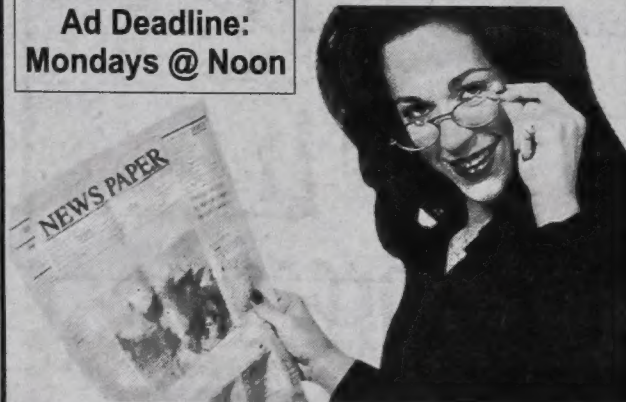
Top: Michelle Bailey-From Left to right: (Back) Kathleen Tedford, Emma Paul, Michelle Bailey, Hannah Klose. (Front) Charlotte and Betty Paton. Absent is Annie McBrien.

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Staff Reporter

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Pinestone Cancels Contract with Delta Hotels

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At nine o'clock Tuesday morning the Delta Pinestone's employees received an urgent call from the hotel's owners, Vrancor Hospitality, and Delta Hotels, who manage it: be here for an all-staff meeting at 2:00 pm.

Not surprisingly most of the 30 to 50 permanent and winter seasonal employees showed up, to be told by senior Delta and Vrancor executives that Vrancor's contract with Delta would end, for good, in just 90 days. Vrancor is the official employer at the resort, so mass layoffs or firings were not an issue, at least right now. The exception would be Delta's General Manager, Kevin Wyer, who will certainly be moving along. Wyer told the Voice, "I'll be here for the next three months to ensure the integrity of the Delta brand, and to help with as smooth a transition as possible."

Vrancor Executive Peter Tosh told the employees that Vrancor itself would manage the hotel from now on, and wouldn't seek out another



management contract with a big chain. The only immediate change would be a shift from Delta's "guest-centric" form of management to an "awards and efficiency" model favoured by Vrancor.

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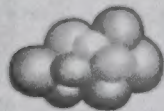
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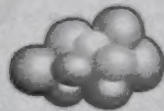
FRIDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy and warmer

▲ -2° ▼ -3°

SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy, maybe a few sprinkles

▲ 2° ▼ -4°

SUNDAY



Windy with A.M. snow, then clearing skies

▲ 1° ▼ -7°

MONDAY



Increasing afternoon clouds

▲ 0° ▼ -6°

TUESDAY



Chance of rain showers

▲ 2° ▼ -1°

WEDNESDAY



More rain showers possible

▲ 4° ▼ 0°

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Acapulco	31/22/su	31/23/su	31/18/su	Montego Bay	26/19/su	26/20/pc	28/22/su
Antigua	28/23/ts	29/22/sh	28/23/ts	Nassau	20/12/sh	19/13/sh	24/19/pc
Barbados	29/23/pc	29/24/pc	29/25/su	Port au Prince	21/21/ts	26/21/ts	28/23/ts
Bermuda	18/9/sh	17/8/pc	21/14/su	Puerto Vallarta	31/17/su	30/17/su	29/16/su
Cancun	23/14/su	25/13/su	27/18/su	St Thomas	28/22/ts	27/21/pc	28/23/ra
Curacao	31/26/ts	31/25/pc	29/23/su	St Maarten	28/22/ts	28/22/pc	28/24/cl
Freeport	17/10/sh	18/11/su	25/18/su	San Jose, CR	26/19/ts	27/21/ra	27/19/cl
Georgetown	30/24/ts	31/24/ts	31/23/su	San Juan	28/23/su	27/21/pc	28/24/ts
Havana	19/11/su	20/14/su	22/17/pc	San Salvador	29/19/pc	30/19/pc	31/18/su
Key West	19/11/su	20/12/su	22/18/su	Santo Domingo	27/22/ts	27/21/ts	29/23/su
Kingston	27/20/pc	26/19/pc	30/21/ts	Trinidad	31/25/ts	31/26/pc	31/26/su

REGIONAL CITIES

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Barrie	-7/-16/cl	-1/-8/su	3/-3/cl	-1/-6/pc	1/-6/pc	3/-1/sh	4/0/sh
Dorset	-7/-17/sf	-2/-9/pc	2/-5/cl	1/-7/pc	0/-7/pc	2/-1/sh	3/0/sh
Haliburton	-7/-17/sf	-2/-3/pc	2/-4/cl	1/-7/pc	0/-6/pc	2/-1/sh	4/0/sh
Huntsville	-7/-17/sf	-2/-9/pc	2/-5/cl	1/-7/pc	0/-7/pc	2/-1/sh	3/0/sh
Kingston	-6/-15/cl	0/-7/su	3/-3/cl	3/-4/pc	1/-4/pc	3/0/sh	5/1/sh
Lindsay	-7/-16/cl	-1/-8/su	2/-5/cl	3/-4/pc	1/-6/pc	3/0/sh	4/0/sh
Minden	-7/-17/sf	-2/-9/pc	2/-4/cl	1/-7/pc	0/-6/pc	2/-1/sh	4/0/sh
Oshawa	-6/-14/cl	1/-7/su	4/-2/cl	3/-3/pc	2/-4/pc	3/0/sh	5/1/sh
Ottawa	-10/-17/sf	-2/-11/pc	0/-7/mx	0/-5/sf	0/-8/pc	-1/-3/mx	0/-4/mx
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Edmonton	2/-7/cl	-1/-9/sf	1/-11/cl	-1/-9/sf	-1/-10/cl	-3/-9/pc	-4/-12/pc
Fredericton	-9/-15/cl	-6/-13/pc	1/-11/su	0/-5/su	-3/-9/sf	-6/-10/pc	-5/-9/cl
Halifax	-4/-11/cl	-7/-12/cl	1/-6/su	2/-5/su	-2/-2/sf	0/-2/pc	1/-1/cl
Montreal	-11/-17/sf	-3/-8/pc	-1/-7/mx	1/-6/sf	-1/-8/pc	-2/-7/su	-2/-6/mx
Regina	6/-3/su	4/-3/pc	-7/-14/pc	-2/-14/pc	-4/-12/cl	-5/-13/su	-6/-16/su
St. John's	2/-6/mx	-6/-12/pc	-2/-3/cl	2/-2/cl	2/-1/mx	2/-1/cl	2/-4/cl
Saskatoon	3/-5/pc	2/-5/sf	-2/-8/cl	1/-4/cl	2/-5/mx	-3/-13/su	-6/-17/su
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Saturday 1/31	-8°C	-28°C	0.0 mm
Friday 1/30	-5°C	-14°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 1/29	-7°C	-18°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 1/28	-9°C	-18°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 1/27	-6°C	-22°C	0.3 mm

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
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Fri.	7:28 a.m./5:29 p.m.	1:52 p.m./5:23 a.m.
Sat.	7:26 a.m./5:31 p.m.	3:13 p.m./6:11 a.m.
Sun.	7:25 a.m./5:32 p.m.	4:36 p.m./6:49 a.m.
Mon.	7:23 a.m./5:34 p.m.	5:58 p.m./7:19 a.m.
Tues.	7:22 a.m./5:35 p.m.	7:17 p.m./7:43 a.m.
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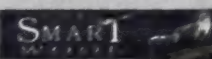
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Feb. 24				
March 4				



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First Annual Scotty Morrison Tourney All About the Giving

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There are only five small ticks left on the Forum clock. The face-off is in the Leafs' end to the right of the goal manned by Johnny Bower, a skate-bound eminence grise with a visage that still bears the patchwork etch of the Toronto subway system map, at rush hour, with shuttles running.

The coach, Toe

Blake, looks down the bench and the tap comes on my shoulder.

Five seconds. An eternity. At the Forum in Montreal; the Habs playing the Toronto Maple Leafs tied at two with five to go. And it was always Henri "The Pocket" Richard, Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion, with Jacques Laperriere and J.C. Tremblay manning the point. And me.

The Pocket Rocket always wins the draw, moves it to Boom Boom who forces the puck back to Laperriere and that potent shot. The Leafs converge and collapse and Jacques fakes the slap shot and deftly moves puck to my waiting Sherwood outside the crease.

To this day I can shut my eyes and still see ice-cold despair in Johnny Bower's eyes as I rap the puck into the open side, net bulging, red light glaring as Forum horn blares. Game Seven. Winning goal.

My Stanley scenario was always played against a backdrop of four-storey tenements just off Goulbourn Crescent, in Sandy Hill, on the rink, overlooking a crumbling abattoir and the Rideau River in Robinson Field.

My hands high in the air as I skirted around chipped edges of the outdoor rink in Sandy Hill with that apocryphal Cup held high above my head.

A friend would arrive and we would take turns then, two young boys sharing a Cup dream on a winter's night in Ottawa. Sharing is, after all, the hallmark of Lord Stanley's legacy, a jug dedicated to every man, woman or child harboring the wherewithal to wish.

This Friday night (Feb 6) from 7 to 9 pm, as prologue to the First Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament (slated this weekend Feb 6-8), Lord Stanley's mug will be center stage at the Haliburton Legion. Phil Pritchard, the appointed Keeper of the Cup, and a curator of the Hockey Hall of Fame, will be there to swap stories, share tales and indulge the inner child.

As a Keeper of the Cup, Pritchard is one of four staff members of the Hockey Hall of Fame who travel with the Stanley Cup for official functions and when it goes on the road.

According to Haliburton resident Scotty Morrison - a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Hockey Hall of Fame, former Referee-in-Chief of the NHL, and congenial host of this weekend's inaugural charity tourney - Pritchard is jam on the toast. He's been traveling with Stanley for a long time and he will be hosting a tremendous evening of fun, frolic and "Stories of Stanley" at the Legion.

The evening gets underway at 7 pm sharp, and Pritchard will be accompanied by another Hall of Famer Ray "Scampy" Scapinello, who will be on hand with his own Stanley stories and his popular "Between the Lines" a book that is a must read for all fans of the game. Former Leaf player Ron Ellis will also be there joining Scapinello, Morrison, and Pritchard for a "Night of Stanley" at the Haliburton Legion from 7 to 10 pm.

Morrison invites all residents to come and take part in the evening. "Phil has a lot of stories and both Ron and Ray will be available as well," says Morrison, who adds that admission is by

donation and that all proceeds from the weekend-long tourney will be going to Community Care in Haliburton. People will be able to have their pictures taken with the Stanley Cup for a nominal fee and those proceeds will also be directed to the many good projects funded and supported by Community Care.

"This was the whole reason behind the event and it's certainly the thrust behind my involvement in the tournament," says Morrison. "Community Care does a lot of important work in this community, including meals on wheels, transport to hospital, emergency response and most important, just keeping seniors in their homes."

There will be attendant revenues from the team registration in the four-division tourney and assorted silent auctions, but Morrison is hoping that the presence of the Stanley Cup, which will be on hand for the bulk of the weekend at Dysart and SG Nesbitt Arenas, as well as at businesses of the tourney's Gold Medal sponsors, will serve to generate a lot of fan interest and subsequent donations.

Cup is Magic - Just Ask Cheryl, Ken and Stanley Riley of Wilberforce

The apocryphal, the urban legendary, and the barely believable: the Cup's legend expands exponentially with time.

Indeed, a local family has its own poignant, vital, and ongoing bond with the old silver jug.

Cheryl and Ken Riley, along with their son, Stanley C Gordon Jeff Riley from Wilberforce are now an entrenched part of Stanley's long and vivid history, and they have already booked passage for the Haliburton Legion on Friday evening.

Stanley is 11, and Cheryl is convinced that his presence on this rocky outcrop of god's green hectare is testament to an intervention of Lord Stanley's Cup. Now you may not believe in miracles, especially a miracle dutifully attributed to Canada's pre-eminent piece of polished silverware. You may be a skeptic. You may even think Karma is bunk.

Doesn't matter. You will never convince Cheryl Riley that there is no magic in Stanley's Silver flagon.

You see, back in the 90s, Cheryl and Ken Riley spent more than a decade trying to have a child. The doctors finally told them that it probably wasn't in the cards. Then in August 1996, Cheryl and Ken ended up at Mike Ricci's Stanley Cup celebration after his championship win with the Colorado Avalanche. Ricci has a cottage just across the lake from the Riley home. That day, Cheryl kissed the Cup. That weekend, Cheryl and Ken proved the doctors wrong. Stanley C Riley - the C stands for Cup - happened by about nine months later on May 6, 1997. Cheryl did the backwards math and to this day, she is sure that young Stanley is here, through the good auspices of the Stanley Cup. Case closed.

"We're going to be there on Friday night just because we want a keepsake of the Cup, a picture of the three of us; something to put on the mantle," laughed Cheryl on Monday from her workplace at Haliburton's Auriga Design. She isn't sure what happened, but she's positive something clicked into karmic whole

back in August 1996.

"Well, I don't know if it was a miracle, but I do know that we had given up on kids long before that Saturday night," said Cheryl. "I do have a passion for the unexplainable, and I choose to believe that things like this can happen."

Stanley C Riley has been actively involved in minor hockey since he was old enough to lace em' up and he remains just one of the many, myriad and marvelously textured stories that slide and spill from the Cup's frothy wake.

Scotty Morrison is hoping that a large number of local fans with their own ties to the Cup will come out to the evening at the Haliburton Legion and contribute to Community Living's good work. "It should be a great evening and it's a great cause," says Morrison.

Morrison adds that local groups or businesses can still sponsor the tourney right up until the weekend. Gold sponsors have been filled, but silver (\$250) and bronze (\$100) sponsorships are still available.

The tournament gets underway on Saturday, at both Minden and Haliburton arenas, but most of the deciding round action in the four tourney categories - Men's Open, Men's 35 and over, Men's 55 and over; and the Women's Open - will be played out at the SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden on Saturday and Sunday.

Morrison said that a featured exhibition game will pit the World Champion Canadian Men's Amputee Hockey Team against a representative team of Ontario Provincial Police hockey players. That feature game is slated for 7 pm On Saturday night at the Nesbitt complex and Scapinello will be the guest head referee for the event.

The ceremonial first puck will be dropped by OPP Comish Julian Fantino, and as a special favor to his good friend Morrison, the renowned Canadian tenor Michael Burgess - he of Les Miserables fame - will be there to kick it all off with the National Anthem. Scapinello's ref's jersey will be signed after the game and it will join a number of other exclusive items on display as part of a weekend-long silent auction. A raffle will also be held for some other prized items.

Raffle prizes include a hockey print entitled The Last Snow by area artist Vic Gibbons, a Montreal Canadiens 100th Anniversary signed print, and an autographed jersey and stick belonging to Canada's 2008 IIHF World Men's Championship Team.

Morrison said that there are still openings for teams. For more info or to get involved phone Brigitte or Hillary at Community Care - 457-2941. Or visit communitycarehaliburton.com on the web. ■


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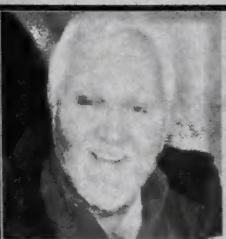
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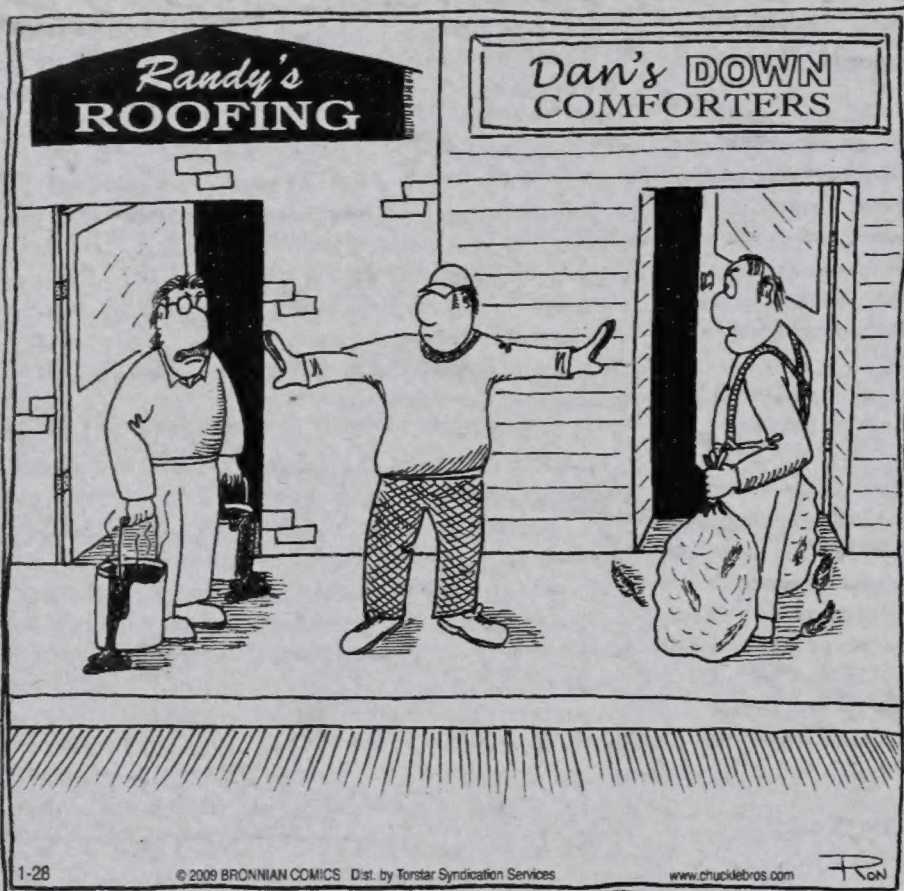
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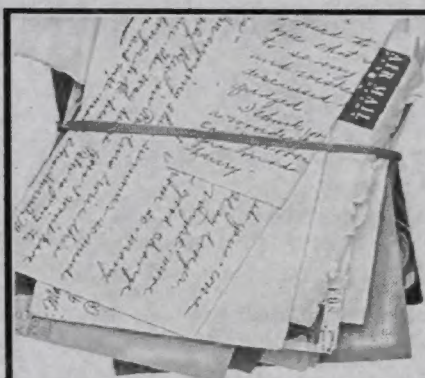
The headlines from your January 22 story are one example. The word debate implies that both sides of the issue will be presented. The secondary headline suggesting there could be 'a planning solution within our grasp' implies that what follows is a reasonable solution.

After you start into the article you realize the only views expressed are those of the handful of people who oppose the development. Reading on one discovers the solution within grasp is for the developer to acquiesce to this group's vision for the property even though this vision is financially unfeasible.

Our young people are leaving town because there are no jobs and our seniors are leaving because there is no affordable housing. Our only movie theatre closed for good recently, three of our five main street restaurants packed it in and a couple of other stores have boarded up.

This development will create jobs, add much needed housing and grow the population. Why is it a problem?

Peter O'Connor
Haliburton ■



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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Snow-filled Green Visions for our Future

Haliburton County will host an amazing number of events over the next month, starting with this weekend's Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament (see page 1 for more details), where old Stanley himself will be checking in at many venues throughout the County. Next weekend, the Family Day long weekend, sees Haliburton's First Annual Frost Fest (see our supplement in this issue) along with Winterdance's eighth annual Dog Sled Derby, and Minden's own annual Winterfest, along with Kinmount's Winterfest, back after a two year absence. Next up is the Dorset's Annual Snowball, and soon March break will be upon us.

No one can say that the County's volunteers, businesses, arts institutions, and municipalities haven't been doing their very best to attract visitors, and keep some of the official economic doom and gloom away from its doors. And last Friday the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) hosted a day-long information session that painted a picture of our collective future that was, at times, almost giddily optimistic.

The day started out with Bell Aliant's reprise of its County Council presentation on this year's plans to expand hi-speed Internet access (see page 25 of this issue for Liz Danielsen's report), followed by Haliburton Highlands Health Services President Paul Rosebush's detailed explanation of the plans to introduce Electronic Health Systems to all aspects of the County's health care system. Haliburton County's citizens are justly proud of their hospitals, caring doctors, and committed health services staff, and this next step in streamlining the system will be welcomed by all the stakeholders involved.

Much has been made over the past number of years about the affects of the so-called "Creative Economy", which in theory marries information and arts based initiatives with local business and social entrepreneurs. It's the backbone of many presentations to Councils (some made by this writer) which argue that the arts are an essential part of the County's economic future, and that the existence of art galleries, art councils and institutions are the key to the future. To speak to this, the HCDC invited Prince Edward County's Economic Development Officer Dan Taylor, to illustrate just how dramatically an emphasis on the arts, local farming, wineries and cute Bed and Breakfasts, has contributed to a turnaround in his area's economy. The parallels are by no means exact – we sit, after all, on the pure granite of the Canadian Shield, as opposed to the verdant belt of green that surrounds Lake Ontario – but still Taylor's presentation was impressive.

Finally, John Patterson of Abbey North, an internationally based retired businessman and sometime African village development worker, a long time Haliburton cottager and now permanent resident, shared some of his passionate dream wherein this County becomes "a major Canadian hub of environmental activity, where we grown our own food, make our own electrical power, reclaim and re-use landfills, harness bio energy, use wetlands for waste treatment, and join the world-wide efforts to reduce our unconscionable infusion of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere."

Patterson is a dreamer, but he's also a practical man, and he's prepared to use his considerable organizational and business expertise to see his dream realized. As an example of smart, workable environmentally friendly initiatives, you need look no further than the CatchingGreen initiative reported on Page 8 of this issue, or to the wood waste re-cycling efforts underway at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

These initiatives, taken collectively, provide an interesting view of how our individual and collective imaginations, coupled with the strength to take some considerable risks, might just provide the best and most rewarding economic path forward for Haliburton County. ■

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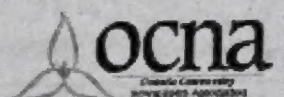
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Accident Victim Now In Wheelchair, Must Get Back On The Grid

Benefit Dinner and Dance Planned

Dwayne Angiers, the Carnarvon area man who fell from a tree stand when hunting, and was seriously injured on October 26/08, is now at the Lyndhurst Rehabilitation Centre in Toronto. Dwayne, who will need the use of a wheelchair for the rest of his life, had previously been transferred from St Michael's Hospital in Toronto, to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, on December 13 of this past year.

The subsequent move from Peterborough to Lyndhurst on January 15/09, affords Dwayne the opportunity to learn how to cope with his disability, which is paralysis from the waist down. While at Lyndhurst he's learning how to accomplish things "like picking up something from off the floor, and transferring himself from his chair to a bed, or to an automobile," says his wife Christy.

Christy is bearing up very well considering what they have been through, though it doesn't help that the couples' One Mile Drive house is off the grid. "Because we live off the grid we will now have to put hydro in, because our inverter will not charge batteries for things like lifts and electric wheelchairs. Dwayne has always been the one to do all of the maintenance to live off the grid, which he will no longer be able to do. His biggest fear is that our house will not be wheelchair accessible by the time he comes home in twelve weeks," says Christy. "He's in good spirits, but there are so many things we take for granted every day that Dwayne now has to learn how to do differently, or use different devices."

Dwayne would appear to be a fast learner, because thanks to Minden resident Rob Young who lent Dwayne his wheelchair accessible van, he's been able to get out a bit on day passes from Lyndhurst. An accessible van is one of those devices that Dwayne will have to acquire in order to lead a full life, but such

things cost big money. Christy, who had taken time off from her job to help in looking after Dwayne, has had to go back to work in order to make ends meet, but what with making the house accessible, a van might be in the distant future.

"I'd like to thank everyone in the community who has helped us," says Christy. "We're still in the process of applying for any government funding, but we've been told that with the economy the way it is, funding is very limited at this time."

Valentines Benefit Dance and Dinner

Christy Angier's parents, Bonny and Lloyd Ackersblade, have made arrangements for a Valentines benefit dance and dinner, to be held in the Minden Community Centre on Friday February 14th. Over 150 tickets have been sold to date, but there are still a few left. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm and the dance starts at 8:00 pm. Those who can't make the dinner, can still show up for the dance, which is being DJ'd by Jamie Bacon. Joyce Wright is catering. It's \$25 for dinner and dance, \$10 for the dance alone. Tickets can be purchased at the Haliburton Highlands Copy Centre (formerly Golden Stationers), The Village Chalet, and Pharmasave in Minden, and at the Buck and Up and Souters Variety, in Cobocok. The Community Centre is located above the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, 55 Parkside Avenue in Minden.

At the time of his accident Dwayne was employed by Luke Contracting, and was helping to renovate the Beaver Theatre. Theatre owner Fionnuala (Ludu) Martin recently revealed in a newsletter that a fund raising event for Dwayne and Christy "will be held at the Beaver Theatre after it opens."

So if you can't make the dance or dinner, keep an eye open in this publication for how you can still help Dwayne and Christy get their lives back together again. ■

George Farrell

Staff Reporter



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On Feb. 9, 1971, pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. He earned his nickname as a boy when he earned money carrying passengers' bags at train stations.

On Feb. 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Gary Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Kasparov was ultimately victorious, however, as he bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.

On Feb. 11, 1916, Emma Goldman, a crusader for women's rights and social justice, is arrested in New York City for lecturing and distributing materials about birth control. Goldman, nicknamed "Red Emma," was later convicted and spent time in jail.

On Feb. 12, 1924, American composer George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" is performed for the first time as part of a concert in New York City. Gershwin's other works include "An American in Paris," written in 1928 and used as a ballet for Gene Kelly in the 1951 movie of the same name.

On Feb. 13, 1958, the first Ford Thunderbird with four seats is introduced. The four-passenger "square bird" converted the top-of-the-line Ford from a sports car to a luxury car. Thirty-eight thousand cars were initially sold, making the T-Bird one of only two American cars to increase sales between 1957 and 1958.

On Feb. 14, 278 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome, is executed for continuing to perform marriages for young lovers in secret after Emperor Claudius the Cruel banned all marriages and engagements. Legend has it that while in jail, Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter and signed it "From Your Valentine."

On Feb. 15, 1903, toy-store owner and inventor Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as "Teddy" bears. Michtom had earlier received permission from President Theodore Roosevelt to use his nickname. Stuffed bears soon became a national childhood institution.

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently I received a survey in the mail from the Haliburton Funeral Home about my thoughts on funerals and preplanning for the future.

I, along with hundreds of other residents of Haliburton County filled out the survey and mailed it back. In response for filling out these forms the promise was made of a "Memory Book". On my form I was very clear that I had already preplanned my funeral with another funeral home.

I was surprised to get a call from a representative of this survey asking if he could come and see me and the whole thing wouldn't take more than 15 minutes. I again told him that I had already preplanned my funeral and he said that didn't matter, he still wanted to see me.

Well, he came and after a few minutes it was clear that he was selling something. I believe I am a fairly intelligent, well read individual and I was surprised that I did not get this out of the content of the survey. I asked to see my survey and upon reviewing my answers it was very clear that no where on the survey did it say that anything would be sold after filling out this survey. When I questioned that fact, the salesperson said "Well, the nature of the questions should have told you that."

This whole survey is geared towards getting into your home to sell you funeral insurance. I just feel that if I was duped by this survey then perhaps others might be as well. At no time was I told that if I signed up for this policy to pay for my funeral that if I could not pay the account in full I would not get all my money back until I asked point blank, then I was told there would be a withholding fee!

I am not complaining I just want people; especially the elderly to know that when you fill out one of those surveys you are going to get a salesman calling.

Marilynn Lesperance
Minden ■

Dear Editor:

"I am one of the many people that feel the pain of these helpless animals."

If chained/penned dogs could speak they would say: "Please take me out of this cold and loneliness and take me in with you. I am a social creature - as you are. I need warmth, comfort and companionship - as you do. I will love you, protect you and be your companion and ask only that you gently care for me."

I am one of the many people that feel the pain of these helpless animals. There is a large organization in the U. S. called Dogs Deserve Better (DBB). It offers information and help to those that need to stop this cruelty. If you have any suggestions or want more info, please call me at 457-9694. DDB warns us to be careful when dealing with some of these people - for obvious reasons. That is why their contact is totally discreet.

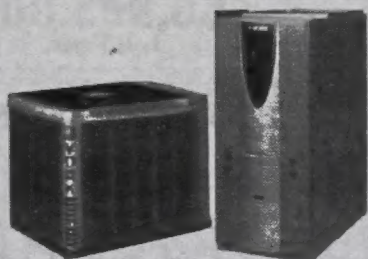
I am grateful to HART in Bancroft for the help they have given this area, since we put nothing towards animal welfare and also the SPCA in Bracebridge. Also thank you Canoe FM and CHEX TV for asking people to do the right thing.

Judy Phipps
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Catching Green Catching On – World Wide

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Last June a small group of Patient News Publishing (PNP) employees, supported by some other local businesses, hosted the inaugural meeting of what was then called Green Business Haliburton. More than 30 local business leaders showed up to discuss a number of initiatives including the creation of a series of templates that could be used by small business to become greener, faster. "There seems little sense in every business in Haliburton trying to re-invent the wheel each time they want to help the environment," commented Patti Lou Robinson, a PNP Sales Exec. "We're trying to make it nice and easy for businesses to help the environment. We all produce garbage and consume energy so everybody can help out."

Since that exciting beginning the Green Business initiative has grown and developed into a concept that may soon be helping businesses throughout Haliburton and around the world. For starters, Green Business has been renamed "Catching Green", and has become a web-based enterprise (www.catchinggreen.com). The six PNP employees who are creating and managing Catching Green are Patti Lou Robinson, IT Director Alice Miller, Graphic Design Supervisor Sarah Carlin, IT Programmer/Analyst John Sadler, Product Development Manager Holly Hutchison, and Client Services Account Manager Rachel Howell. "We are doing this independent of PNP, although the company has been wonderful in providing encouragement and support," says Patti-Lou. "In fact, the initiative really started when Alice Miller led a company task force with the goal of reducing PNP's environmental footprint in all aspects of our business. We then decided to explore ways in which we could help other businesses to take advantage of what we had learned."

Alice Miller describes Catching Green's mission this way: "We want to freely share what we discovered, when striving for environmental sustainability, with others so that everyone who uses it will benefit."

"The founders of Catching Green decided to apply their experience and convictions to make a difference to the environment and to their communities. The PNP environmental team's mandate was to develop and implement policies and procedures to make the company environmentally sustainable in a cost effective manner. Over two years of continuous improvements to the company's practices, using environmental products, methods, and policies created much success including the reduction of the company's environmental footprint and a prestigious environmental print award."



Patti Lou Robinson, Rachel Howell, Alice Miller, John Sadler, Sarah Carlin, and Holly Hutchison

With the help and support of Trent University's U-Links, where students were paired with Catching Green to provide the very best in environmental research, detailed templates have been created which will provide the best practices, products, and methods so that each participating business can realize its own environmental success story. These students receive course credits for their contributions to the templates.

Businesses can access the templates for free. The only requirement is that you register. The businesses are encouraged to share their stories of success and ideas for templates with the organization for sharing with others.

Don't Throw Those Used Cell Phones in the Landfill!

And in a related story, PNP has agreed to be a deposit point for the collection of used cell phones under the ECO-CELL program. The Toronto Zoo is also a partner in this North America-wide initiative, and has recycled over 4000 cell phones, batteries, pagers, and other electronic devices since 2006, more than any other institution in Canada. Part of the ECO-CELL initiative is to preserve the endangered lowland gorilla, which frequents the African rainforests. What's the connection? Well, the element Tantalum is used in a metal powder form that is extremely lightweight and can hold a very high electrical charge, which makes it a perfect product for producing capacitors, which are the electronic elements that flow inside miniature circuit boards. Tantalum capacitors are used in almost all cell phones, laptops, pagers, and other electronic devices. By recycling these old devices, the tantalum can be re-used – thereby lessening the demand for pure coltan. And disturbing fewer rain forests, and allowing the gorillas more natural habitat.

The market demand for cell phones is growing exponentially – for example, the average Canadian teenager will dispose of at least three of them before they turn 20. For each cell phone that is recycled, ECO-CELL donates 45 cents and \$15 to the Toronto Zoo's Endangered Species Recovery Fund which is used to support gorilla conservation programs in Africa.

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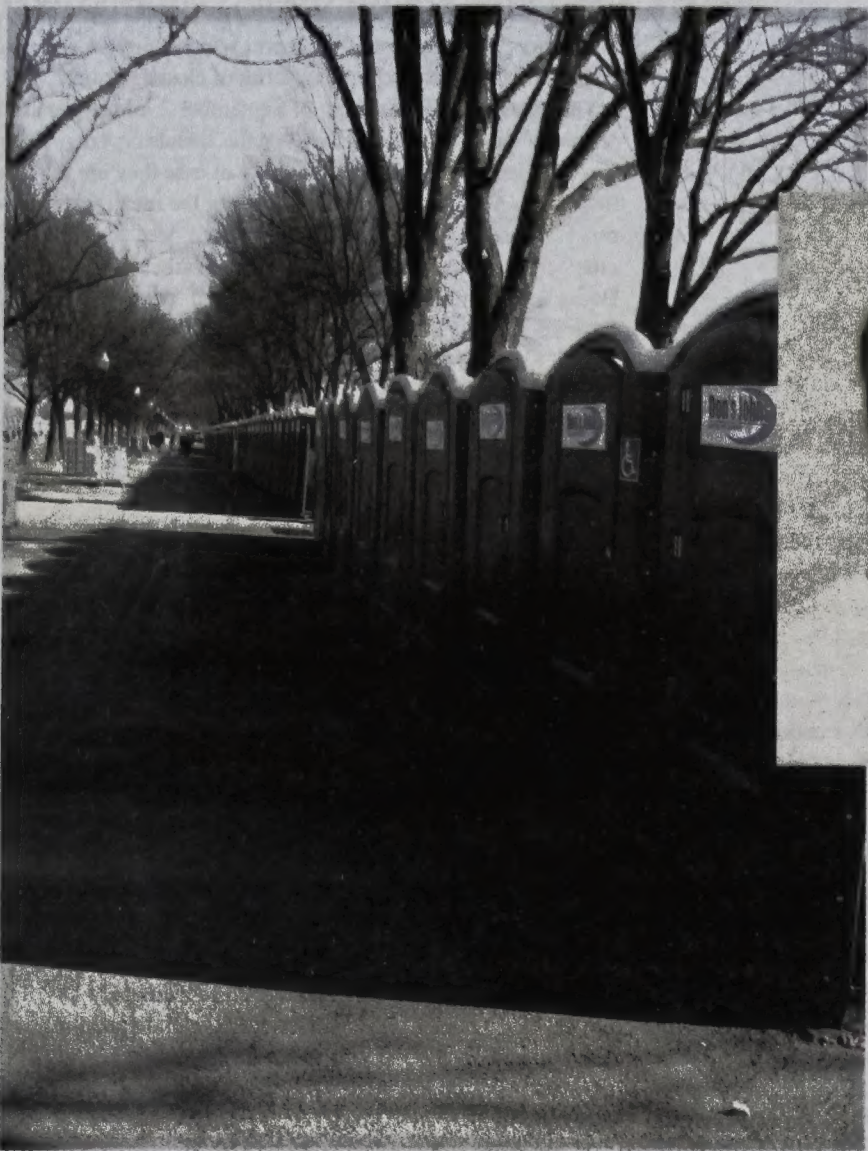
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Recalling a Historic Event

Haliburton Man Celebrates with Two Million Others at Obama Inauguration

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Above Left: Porta-potties for Two Million; Above: Dr. Greg Karaguesian.; Above: The U.S. Capitol Building. Above Right: The crowds gather in the early morning.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20 around two million people braved the cold to witness the inauguration ceremony of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, at the Capitol building.

Haliburton's Dr. Greg Karaguesian was one who had the rare opportunity of seeing the swearing in of the first African American President. Since Karaguesian often heads down to Washington to visit his brother who works at the Embassy of Canada, he decided not to miss his once-in-a-lifetime chance to be a part of one of the most significant moments in history.

"I had a couple of days off work so I went down," said Karaguesian in an interview with The Voice. On Monday (January, 19) he headed to Toronto to board a plane to Washington. The security checks while there, he said, were unbelievable.

"They did extra screenings," he said. "They went through your luggage and asked were you where going and how long you would be there. Surprisingly, it went pretty quickly. I probably only had to wait an extra 15 minutes."

On Tuesday morning, Karaguesian went out to grab an early morning coffee at 6 a.m. in Washington. The mood on the streets he noticed was far different from that of any other time.

"Usually when I'm out at that time down there, there aren't too many people on the streets. But on that day there were mobs of people out at the National Mall, many of whom had been out since 3 a.m." The National Mall is an open area park that stretches almost two miles in length from the Capitol steps to the Lincoln Memorial.

Karaguesian then headed to the Canadian Embassy, located on Pennsylvania Ave., roughly 1.5 miles from The Capitol. As he got closer to the scene, Karaguesian took in the dozens of huge monitors all around that were set up to broadcast the event and the crowd that continued to grow in size.

"We were one block away from the mall and there were hundreds of thousands of people on the street," he said. With so many people out and about, one would think that some chaos could ensue. However, on this day, everything was completely under control as people stood united, ready to celebrate.

"It was like going to something that everyone wanted to be a part of. Washington can be a pretty stressful city, but on Tuesday a festive mood was in the air."

And when it was time for Obama to take his oath of office, the roar of two million strong filled the air.

"When two million people cheer you can feel the ground move," said Karaguesian. "There was a huge roar."

And the level of security surrounding the outdoor celebration was unlike anything Karaguesian had seen before.

"There were battalions of police officers and every roof had about three or four snipers on them."

The day after the inauguration, when he went out for a jog, Karaguesian took notice of all the portable toilets that still lined the streets from the massive event.

"They had so many porta potties that they lined the streets for about a kilometre," he laughed. "There were thousands of them!"

On Friday that week, Karaguesian returned to his life in Haliburton, and brought with him some vivid memories that will remain etched in his mind for a lifetime.

"It was really nice to see whites and blacks going to The Mall together," he said. "It was also extremely exciting to hear Obama's speech." ■



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Closed Sessions in Highlands East Cause Investigation

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Highlands East Council's decision to evict the Haliburton Family Health Centre has come back to haunt them one more time. Despite Council reversing their decision, the fact that it was made in closed session was formally challenged. An investigation resulted in recommendations to amend both their procedural by-law and they way that they word their resolutions.

Council made their decision to evict the health team from their medical centre during a closed session at a meeting on September 23rd. Late in October, along with a petition to reinstate the health team signed by over 500 residents, Council received a complaint from Paul Hazen of Wilberforce about the validity of both Council's decision and the fact that it was made in closed session.

Hazen says that he wasn't in favour of the procedures followed by Council with respect to the health team's eviction. More specifically, he said that a number of the Council members ran on a platform of openness and transparency to the public, but since then have used closed sessions all too often to discuss matters when it was not necessary.

According to Hazen the decision made by Council placed the entire community's health care in jeopardy with no thought for the public good and with no opportunity for the public to speak. He said, "Not only is it not fair, it isn't proper disclosure on Council's part when it comes to discussing the affairs of the Municipality." Hazen says that the municipality's procedural by-law, which should mirror Section 239 of the Municipal Act, is not explicit enough, and the investigator agreed with him.

Every municipality must have a company or person, independent of their organization to make judgements on these matters. According to Hazen, Amberley Gavel is renowned as legal peacemakers in municipal affairs. The company was formed in the summer of 2007 to assist municipal governments in Ontario with closed meeting procedure investigations.

"It can be very important to discuss some matters in a closed session, particularly when it is for the protection of your employees. It also reduces the risk of speculation when dealing with property matters." Reeve Dave Burton.

As per the requirements of the Municipal Act, Hazen's complaint was forwarded by the Municipality to Local Authority Services (LAS) who delegated their powers to Amberley Gavel Ltd. to conduct the investigation

The Municipal Act requires that all meetings of Council be open to the public and notice of every meeting must be given at least 48 hours in advance. The exceptions that allow a Council to move into a closed session include discussions dealing with the security of municipal property, personnel matters about an identifiable individual, a pending acquisition or disposal of property, labour relations, litigation or receiving advice that is subject to solicitor/client privileges. Meetings may also be closed if they are being held for the purpose of educating or training Council or if it relates to a request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Reeve Dave Burton commented that "It can be very important to discuss some matters in a closed session, particularly when it is for the protection of your employees. It also reduces the risk of speculation when dealing with property matters."

When a Council decides to move into closed sessions, a resolution must be passed clearly stating the nature of the matter to be considered and no other resolutions should be passed until Council is once again in open session.

Nigel Bellchamber, co-founder of Amberley Gavel, interviewed the Reeve, CAO, Clerk and the complainant as part of his background work. During the investigation, the municipality's procedural by-law was reviewed to ensure that it conformed to legislation. According to Bellchamber only minor irregularities were found.

The report goes into some detail about the background of the Municipality of Highlands East, the effects of amalgamation and the need to evaluate municipal properties (one of which is the health centre) as part of a five year action plan. Included in an organizational review called the Templeton Report, which was marked 'strictly private and confidential' a number of recommendations were made about municipal staffing and properties. According to Bellchamber, the report didn't break out confiden-

tial matters from the rest of the report which caused Council to end up discussing the report in a series of closed sessions.

The agenda for the meeting of September 23rd simply listed 'closed session' which is included on the agenda on a regular basis 'in order to give Council flexibility in case they are required to go in camera if the need arises. During the meeting a resolution was passed for Council to go into the closed session to discuss personnel matters and to receive legal advice. According to Bellchamber's report, Council also held a discussion about their facilities and gave staff direction to give the Haliburton Family Health Centre six weeks' notice to vacate.

The matter quickly became public and community pressure escalated, resulting in a large delegation at Council's meeting on October 28th and Council's subsequent reversal of their decision.

In his consideration of Council's actions, Bellchamber determined that all of the discussions held during the closed session would have been allowed by the Act. However, Council did fail to identify the fact that they would be discussing municipal properties in their resolution, thereby failing to comply with other sections of the Act. This, Bellchamber says, means that Council also failed to establish clearly why they went into a closed session, something that is required in an "open government culture."

It was Bellchamber's opinion that Council could and should have made a greater effort to discuss the closure of the health centre in open session, fulfilling one of the rules of thumb that suggests that when in doubt, keep the meeting open and whenever possible, decisions should be made in public.

Amberley Gavel made several recommendations as a result of Bellchamber's review. Changes to the Procedural By-law about notice of meetings were suggested. Recommendations were also made about the wording of resolutions when moving into a closed session, including being more specific about their reasons for doing so.

Bellchamber concluded his report by saying that he had received the full cooperation of the Reeve, CAO and Clerk throughout his investigation and that all parties had shown a willingness to move forward with a culture of greater transparency.

Reeve Burton said, "I think his (Hazen's) concern was more about our decision, rather than the fact that it was made in a closed session." He said, "We may have wandered a bit off course during our discussions, but I didn't think we had done anything wrong and we received legal advice to that effect. I was very surprised to see the challenge."

It's easy to fall back on bad habits, and at their last meeting, shortly after the Amberley Gavel report was received as information, Council took a recess during their regular meeting, while they tried to decide whether or not they should hold a closed session, even though their CAO confirmed that there was no specific reason to do so. The meeting was adjourned without any closed session being held.

It should be noted as a matter of interest that Reeve Dave Burton now carries a pocket sized copy of the Sunshine Law Handbook with him to all meetings. He said, "I don't leave home without it." The handbook provides tips and detailed information to municipal officers on whether or not portions of a meeting should be held in a closed or open session. It would appear that the best advice is when in doubt, keep the meeting open. ■

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Beloved Folk Artists in Haliburton

Haliburton County Folk Society
Sells Out Venue for Tanglefoot

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Last Friday, Canadian folk recording artists Tanglefoot proved to an audience why they are indeed a hard-hitting "mix of Canadiana and rampaging enthusiasm."

The five-person group, with members hailing from all over Ontario, graced the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for a sold-out show hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS).

With skilled playing abilities of their many instruments and vocal ranges worthy of envy, the highly revered group took listeners on a riveting musical journey. Near the end of the performance, audience members were up on their feet, dancing and clapping their hands relentlessly to the stomping sounds of the folk legends.

For over 25 years, Tanglefoot has been pleasing audiences across Canada and Europe, but this year the group decided to make 2009 their final year together and are on a farewell tour.

Local artist Ryan Dawson and friends opened up for the featured act through a touch of song and spoken word. ■



The members of Tanglefoot left to right: Terry Young, Sandra Swannell, Steve Ritchie, Rob Ritchie and Al Parrish.

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Chef-of-the-Month Challenge Entertaining and Educational

Since October, SIRCH Community Services & Consulting has been challenging local area chefs to come up with nutritionally balanced meal plans for economically challenged families in Haliburton County.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, David Adams of Rhubarb, made his way over to Bob & Wendy's Foodland in Haliburton to try his hand at cooking up a day's worth of meals on a limited budget. Adams served up a delicious Chicken a la King recipe that serves four for a total cost of \$5.10.

This past summer, members of SIRCH created the "Chef-of-the-Month" challenge that asks chefs in the area to come up with recipes for a day on only \$6.50 for a family of four. This dollar amount is what many families in the county are left with after paying for expenses like rent, heat and hydro, according to statistics provided by SIRCH. To date, none of the chefs have been able to stay within the \$6.50 budget.

The goal of the initiative is to educate struggling families about eating healthy on a budget and to raise awareness of the difficulties these people face on a day-to-day basis.

"Ultimately we want to raise awareness about food insecurity and child/familial poverty," says Nancy Brownsberger, Social Marketer for SIRCH. "There are families in our community that have this amount of money (\$6.50) to spend each month, and we are proving that they cannot afford to eat healthfully within that budget."

Chefs who have already taken on SIRCH's challenge include Franka Andriano of Franka's Café & Catering, Aaron Walker of The Grill On the Gull and Monty Miscio of The Bonnie View Inn.

Recipes and tips on budgeting from each chef have been published in issues of The County Voice along with coverage of the events themselves.

For more information about the Chef-of-the-Month program contact Nancy Brownsberger at 705 457-1742, ext. 21. ■



David's Delicious Chicken a la King

This recipe can be frozen and re-heated

2 chicken leg quarters

10 oz can of mushrooms

1/2 cup of chopped green pepper

1 1/2 cups of long grain rice

White Sauce (3 tbsp of butter, 3 tbsp of flour, 1/4 tsp of salt, 1 cup of milk)

1 onion

Directions: De-bone chicken and dice meat (save bones for future stock and freeze). Saute vegetable and chicken for approximately 5 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Make white sauce and add to vegetables and chicken. Allow to simmer very gently for 10 minutes.

White Sauce: Melt butter and add flour stirring until smooth. Add salt and slowly add the milk, cook gently for 5 minutes until sauce appears thick and smooth.

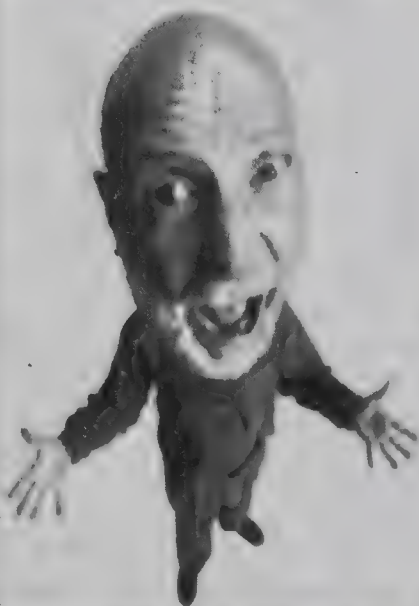
Boil rice until cooked as per package directions.

Season chicken mixture to taste with your favorite seasonings

Serve chicken mixture over a bed of rice.

To upgrade this dish add grated swiss cheese to sauce. Add affordable frozen vegetables to chicken and use favourite herbs and spices for extra flavour.

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Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby Schedule

Friday February 13th, 2009

8:00 pm
 Welcome & Bib Draw (Highlanders Bar)

Saturday February 14th, 2009
(Approximate Race Times)

9:00 am
 4 Dog Race start
 10:15 am
 Skijoring
 11:30 am
 Kidd & Mutt
 12:00 pm
 6 Dog Race followed immediately by Recreational Race
 1:15 pm
 Novice Race
 2:15 pm
 Youth Race
 3:15 pm
 8 Dog Race

Sunday February 15th, 2009
(Approximate Race Times)

8:30 am
 4 Dog Race start
 10:00 am
 Skijor Race
 11:15 pm
 6 Dog Race followed immediately by Recreational Race
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The Frost Fest, labelled as a "Fun-Filled Family Weekend", is set to be a large-scale event that will bring dozens of activities and attractions to the Village of Haliburton over the course of the Family Day Weekend (Friday, Feb. 13 – Sunday, Feb. 15).

No matter how young or old you are, there will be something

for everyone to enjoy thanks to the sheer number of eye-catching and stimulating festivities scheduled for the event.

From snowshoeing to live ice carving demonstrations, the annual Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby and more, Frost Fest is shaping up to be an unforgettable event.

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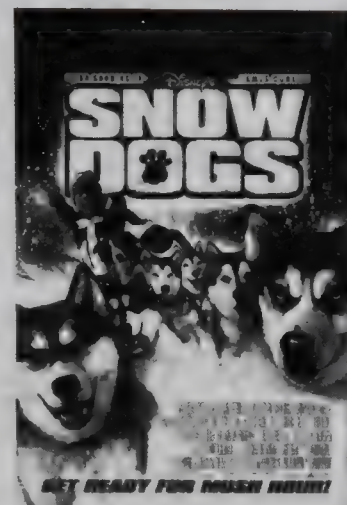
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In this section you will find all of the information that you will need for the event including: a full schedule with dates, times and locations of festivities; feature articles on some the main attractions, a map of the Village and information on how you can volunteer to be a part of the event. ■

An Outdoor Movie for All. "Snow Dogs" in Head Lake Park

Dust off those lawn chairs and bring a blanket with you for an outdoor movie presented by Cottage Dreams!

On Friday, Feb. 13 from 5 – 7:30 p.m., get cozy and catch Disney's "Snow Dogs" on a giant inflatable outdoor screen at the band shell in Head Lake Park. A nearby bonfire will help you stay warm and plenty of hot chocolate and other treats will be available for purchase.



Plot Summary of Snow Dogs

When Miami Dentist Ted Brooks learns that his birth mother has passed and that he was named in her will, he travels to Alaska to claim his inheritance. Rather than the large chunk of change that many people would expect, Ted instead receives his mother's pack of rowdy sled dogs and her property. Although the dogs seemingly have it in for Ted, he decides to keep the dogs and race them in the local race, the Arctic Challenge, spiting a mountain man who wants the dogs. What follows is a comedy detailing Ted's adventures in learning to run the sled dogs. ■

MUSH! Haliburton goes to the dogs for the eighth straight year.

For the past eight years Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin of Haliburton's Winterdance Dog Sled Tours have organized and hosted the Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby. "This year we're welcoming teams from as far away as Montana, and we're really happy to see that the Jamaican Dog Sleders will be back again as well. They've been staying in the area for a few weeks, training on our trails, so they'll be sure to be ready."

"We're expecting between 70 and 80 teams again this year. We've kept the same trails for the past four or five years, and that continuity is important for the teams. They like to know what to expect, and that also means you have a chance of getting the big name teams. As the sport increases in popularity and the purses get bigger, we expect this race to grow along with that."

With a guaranteed purse of \$10,000 the Haliburton Derby is certainly attracting attention in the Dog Sled World. Formal racing records go back over a century to 1908, with the first running of what was called the All Alaska Sweepstakes, a 408 mile race from Nome to Candle and back. The winner was a musher named John Hegness in a time of 119 hours, 15 minutes, and 12 seconds. The International Sled Dog Racing Association points out that just two years later, with many more teams competing, the winning time, posted by John (Iron Man) Johnson, was dropped to an incredible 74 hours, 14 minutes and 37 seconds. Johnson's record stands to this day.

Dog Sledding and Sled Dog Racing are among the most romantic of sports, reminding us of the great feats the mail teams and rescue teams accomplished in years gone by. The history of the sled dog goes back thousands of years when the Inuit's relationship with his dogs was extraordinarily close. The dogs provided protection and companionship as they helped the Inuit hunt, trap, and of course were the primary source of transportation through the long and frigid winters. Later, the dogs allowed the great European explorers, Byrd, Peary, and Amundsen to explore the frozen steppes.

One of the greatest episodes in recorded sled dog history occurred in 1925 when a case of the dreaded disease diphtheria was discovered in Nome, Alaska. Supplies of antitoxins were not enough to protect the population from a potentially disastrous epidemic. A relay of 22 Inuit and Mail teams managed to cross the interior of Alaska and the across the Bering Sea ice and brought the precious serum to the city. A statue to the famous Balto, a leader of one of the teams, stands in New York's Central Park commemorating the run. The inscription reads: "Dedicated to the indomitable Spirit of the sled dogs that relayed the antitoxin 600 miles over rough ice and treacherous waters through Arctic blizzards from Nenana to the relief of stricken Nome in the winter of 1925. Endurance. Fidelity. Intelligence."

The Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby start on Saturday morning and go on until late Sunday afternoon. There are teams going out at two-minute intervals almost all weekend, so you don't need to worry about missing a race! "The most popular race every year is the Kid and Mutt race, along with the Skijoring class, which sees mushers on cross country skis being pulled by one or two dogs. On Saturday the Skijoring starts at 10:15, with the Kid and Mutt race at 11:30. On Sunday there's another Skijoring race at 10:00."

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The Ice Will Be Flying at the Frost Festival

Sculpting Professional and Minden Native Mike Muli Set for Live Demonstration

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Mike Muli has been transforming blocks of ice into incredible works of art for over 20 years. His most recent work was showcased at the NHL All Star Jamboree by the Bell Centre in Montreal. During the Frost Festival weekend, you'll have the opportunity to see this rare breed of artist work his magic near the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre as he carves a scene of a dog sled team.

Muli (who was born and raised in Minden) studied culinary arts at Niagara College for three years before becoming a certified master ice sculptor. He says he got into the cold form of artwork because it allows him to show off his creative talents and meet others who are also in the same industry.

"There's not too many of us out there," he said. "I don't enter too many competitions; it's more of a social thing."

With his business, Ice Art, he has the equipment needed to produce ice for making the sculptures. He also freelances his work to companies and teaches his craft to others with the certifications he's earned.

The recent work he made for the NHL All Star Jamboree included blocks of ice with frozen NHL jerseys inside of them. The project took 8,000 lbs of ice and about two weeks to complete.

"It was crazy," said Muli.

Other large-scale projects that he has worked on in the past include an ice lounge that was built at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto for the WinterCity Festival with 197,000 kilograms of ice and fancy pieces he entered in to the Winterlude National Snow Sculpture Competition in Ottawa.

His work has also made it to the United States, and recently, he was asked to put something together for Super Bowl 43. Unfortunately, he was unable to find the time in his schedule to do so.

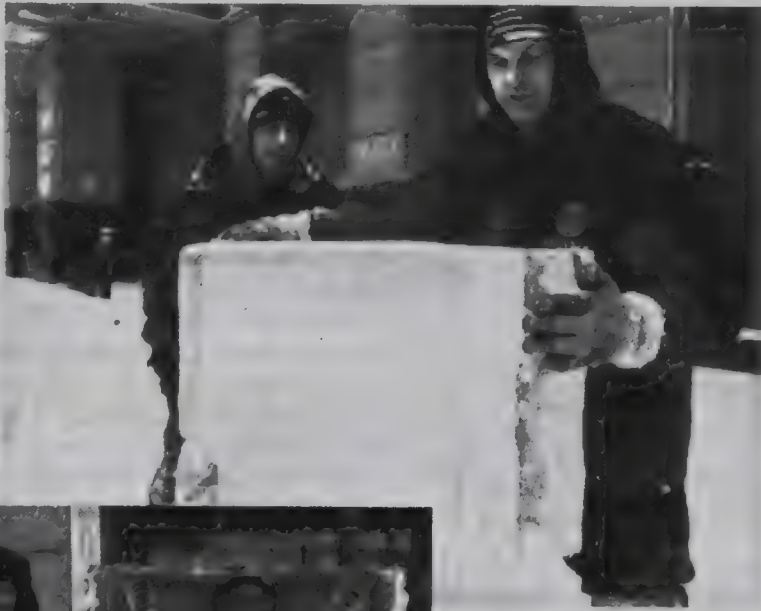
"I couldn't do it, I'm so busy right now," he said.

Fortunately for Haliburton

County, he has set aside some of his valuable time to be a part of Haliburton's first Frost Festival event.

"People should come and check it out because it's not something that you get to see everyday," said Muli, who expects to start sculpting his work by preparing the ice on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the gallery.

If you're interested in getting Mike to do a project for you contact him by email at mike.muli@yahoo.ca or call him at 613 921-7915. ■



Curling Meets Bowling

Take Aim at Pins on Head Lake During the Frost Festival



Curling like you've never seen it before will take to Head Lake's skating rink on Sunday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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A Jamaican Dogsled Team Touches Down in Haliburton!

Meet and Greet at Head Lake Park: Sunday at 11 a.m.

Below is some information about the mushers who make up the Jamaica Dog Sled Team. The group will be involved with festivities at the Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby and the Frost Festival.

Oswald "Newton" Marshall, Musher, Jamaican Dogsled Team

Twenty-four year old Jamaican, Oswald "Newton" Marshall first became part of the Chukka Caribbean Adventures family in 2002. He had always dreamed about working with the horses at Chukka Cove. His enthusiasm and hard work paid off and having moved up from gardener to other positions he was transferred to the River Valley Mountain Horseback Ride at White River Valley as a tour guide.

Coming to Chukka Cove changed Newton's life. With a need for better educated workforce Chukka Caribbean Adventures had become pro-active in trying to further schooling for employees who want to learn, while recognizing that man must work to contribute to the support of their families. Chukka neighbor Shelly Kennedy runs a school teaching any employee of Chukka to read and write, if they want to learn. Newton became one of her



most eager pupils — growing up in a nearby village he had to work to support his family instead of continuing his education.

In 2005 Devon Anderson, another animal lover and operations manager at Chukka Cove, saw something special in Newton and handpicked him look after a trio of new dogs at Chukka Cove Farm, renowned for its polo and now home to the Jamaica Dogsled Team. It was there he first met the future sled dogs including Marbles and Jimmy (named after sponsor Jimmy Buffett) and his soon-to-be instructors Rick and Anette Johnson owners of Ah-Regah Kennel & Equipment in Mahtowa, Minnesota. "Rick started talking to me about dog sledding; I didn't know what it was all about at the time. I watched them walk and talk to the dogs and wondered what they were doing. Rick hitched the dogs to a three-wheel cycle and asked me to run ahead and call to them in a special way — I was surprised when they responded," says Marshall.

By 2006 the team was a reality; youthful exuberance and a way with animals propelled this young Jamaican on a journey to the snow and great outdoors to train with huskies in Minnesota. He thought someone put the air conditioning on too high when he arrived, and he quickly found out it wasn't air conditioning at all — he was outdoors and feeling a Minnesota breeze, far away from his warm Caribbean home in Richmond, Jamaica for the first time. About his adventure Marshall had this to say: "I didn't know what to expect. I was looking forward to working with experienced dogs and to seeing a lot of snow. I knew it would be cold but thought it would be like a rainy day in Jamaica. On the first day they pulled me on a snowmobile — my first time in the snow — it was freezing and very shocking and I thought I was going to fly; so amazing to see dogs move that fast." When he wasn't busy training, Newton was able to be a tourist for a change. He was amazed by the Great Lakes Aquarium, the Minnesota Zoo, Gooseberry Falls State Park as well as the Corps of Engineers Lake Superior Marine Museum where he saw Duluth's famous Aerial Bridge in action. The Mall of America really sent him into orbit — his first ride on a roller coaster.

Even with all of this opportunity on his return to Jamaica some bad choices left Marshall without a job or a place on the Team. His poignant story plays out in the feature documentary SUN DOGS. Throughout 2007 he worked hard to earn back the trust of Anderson and Melville and was finally welcomed back to Chukka Caribbean Adventures and the Jamaica Dogsled Team to train and escort visitors on the company's two sled dog tours in September. As fate would have it in November, Anderson, who was to train for the 2009 Yukon Quest, had second thoughts about being away from Jamaica for so long to train and race in the Yukon and so it was decided that

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Family Chili Dinner	United Church	5:00 – 7:30 pm 5 and Under – Free 6 to 12 – \$6.00 13 and Over – \$10.00
Outdoor Movie "Snow Dogs" Presented by Cottage Dreams	Head Lake Park	5:00 – 7:30 pm
Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide	Head Lake Park	5:00 – 9:00 pm
Hot Chocolate Presented by the Guides	Head Lake Park	5:00 – 9:00 pm \$1.00
Torchlight Parade Presented by The HCSA	Head Lake Park	7:00 pm
Complimentary Curling Seminar	Haliburton Curling Club	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Playback Theatre	Rails End Gallery	7:00 pm \$5.00

Saturday, February 14th

Pancake Breakfast Presented by Haliburton Lions Club	Legion	8:00 am – Noon \$5.00
Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby	Delta Pinestone (Full Event Schedule shown on reverse)	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Art Attack Snowman Building & 20 People Presented by Fleming College	Head Lake Park	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Skating Demonstrations Presented by Haliburton Figure Skating Club	Head Lake Skating Rink	10:00 am – 4:00 pm (bring skates)
Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide	Head Lake Park	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Ice Sculpture Demonstrations Mike Muli & Friends	Head Lake Park & Haliburton Village	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Snack Car Hot Drinks/Hot Dogs/Smores/Beaver Tails Presented by Rails End Gallery	Head Lake Park	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Snow Shoe Demonstrations Presented by Sharpley's	Head Lake Park	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides Presented by BIA	Head Lake Park	Noon – 3:00 pm
Snowshoe Relay Race & Games Presented by YMCA Camp Wanakita	Head Lake Park	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Children's Dog Sled Rides Presented by Winterdance	Head Lake Park	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Meet the Artist Meet RoseMarie Condon, Illustrator of The Canadian Shield Alphabet	Rails End Gallery	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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Newton would step in to train and qualify for the Yukon Quest.

Marshall was born on March 2, 1983 in the parish of St. Ann and has four younger sisters. He attended the Runaway Bay All Age School and continues his studies in the Jamaica Movement for the Advancement of Adult Literacy (JAMAL) program.

Damion Robb, Musher, Jamaican Dogsled Team

Twenty-one year old Jamaican, Damion Robb, became part of the Chukka Caribbean Adventures family in March 2005. Indicating a love of animals and an interest in the newly created Jamaica Dogsled Team, Robb fit right into the training program put into place by team founder Danny Melville and spearheaded by mushers Rick and Anette Johnson owners of Ah-Regah Kennel & Equipment in Mahtowa, Minnesota. Along with fellow mushers Devon Anderson and Newton Marshall, Robb learned

many of the dryland racing skills he would be calling on in the 2007 racing season, along with the expertise of caring for and training the team dogs of the Jamaica Dogsled Team in Ocho Rios.

The year 2007 was a year of firsts for Robb. He had his first taste of working with huskies and dogs with racing in the blood on his first trip out of Jamaica to Minnesota in September where he trained once again with the Johnsons and Ken and Donna Davis from the Elfstone Kennels in Twig, MN. He also had his first exposure to the cold there and experienced snow for the first time. Robb's natural athletic ability and ease with animals made for a very productive training period and a successful outing on the dryland dog racing circuit.

After a brief trip back to Jamaica, Robb returned to Minnesota on December 15, 2007 to train on snow and to participate in the dogsled racing circuit. He showed good speed and control with a clean run in his first outing. Robb competed against many some of the best racers from the U.S. and Canada in eight races on snow with finishes ranging from 5th at the 35th Annual Paul Bunyan Sled Dog Challenge, February 23-24, 2008 in Bimidi, Minnesota to 11th at both the Haliburton Highland Dogsled Derby, January 26-27, 2008 in Haliburton, Ontario and the Three Bear Winter Sled Dog Races, February 2-3, 2008 in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. Robb is currently ranked 13th in North America on snow by the International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) in the 4-Dog Pro Class.



In addition to his training with the Jamaica Dogsled Team at Chukka Cove Farm, Robb is a tour guide for the Jamaica Dogsled Team tours – the Encounter and the Experience – where he shows off the team of dogs, many “second chance dogs” adopted from the Jamaican Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (JSPCA), now trained sled dogs.

Robb was born in the parish of St. Ann and has one brother (age 13) and 2 sisters (age 7 and 24). After primary school he attended the Marcus Garvey Technical High School and prior to working at Chukka Caribbean Adventures worked for five months as a gardener at Club Ambiance in Runaway Bay.

At last years event, the CBC's Rick Mercer showed up to film his show and mushed along with the Jamaican sledgers. Who might turn up this year? Make sure to come and find out.

Saturday, February 14th

Hot Cello with Whipped Cream Featuring Bethany Houghton	Rails End Gallery	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Ticket: \$15.00 each 2 for \$25.00 Students – \$10.00
Valentines Dance with DJ Presented by Royal Canadian Legion	Legion	8:00 pm – 1:00 am Ticket – \$12.00 available at the Door
"Blues at the Delta" Presented by Kashaga Productions	Delta Pinestone	8:00 pm – 1:00 am Ticket – \$37.50

Sunday, February 15th

Murray Scott Memorial Fishing Derby Presented By Haliburton Outdoors Association	Miskwabi Lake	7:30 am \$20.00 per person (no licence required)
Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby	Delta Pinestone (Full Event Schedule shown on reverse)	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Learn to Curl	Haliburton Curling Club (bring clean running shoes)	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt Presented by The HCSA	Meet at High School	10:00 am – Start
Art Attack Snowman Building & 2D People Presented by Fleming College	Head Lake Park	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Skating Demonstrations Presented by Haliburton Figure Skating Club	Head Lake Skating Rink	10:00 am – 4:00 pm (bring skates)
5/10 Pin Bowling on Ice Presented by Trails & Tours	Head Lake	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ice Sculpture Demonstrations Mike Muli & Friends	Head Lake Park & Haliburton Village	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide	Head Lake Park	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Group Art Exhibition: Rural Routes	Rails End Gallery	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Snack Car Hot Drinks/Hot Dogs/Smores/Beaver Tails Presented by Rails End Gallery	Head Lake Park	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Jamaican Dogsled Team Meet & Greet	Head Lake Park	11:00 am
Snowshoe Relay Race & Games Presented by YMCA Camp Wanakita	Head Lake Park	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Pony Rides with South Algonquin Trails Presented by Haliburton Rotary Club	York Street	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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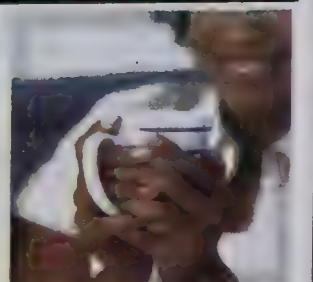


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From 7:30 - 9 p.m., local musical artist Bethany Houghton and others will treat you to their show "Hot Cello and Whipped Cream".

"This is my first real solo feature concert that I'm doing in the community," said Houghton, a 27-year old cello and violin player who resides in the Wilberforce area.

"I've been playing the cello since I was four - it's definitely the instrument I'm most comfortable with."

In recent years, Houghton has become a familiar face to many followers of the local music scene. Her talents have been put to good use with Cass Marie and the Blackfeather Band, a local folk group, and the recently introduced jazz trio Moontones. She also teaches others how to play the cello in their homes and at studios in the county.

Born and raised in Mississauga, Houghton was attracted to the area long before making the permanent move up three years ago.

"I was a cottager," she explained. "My family has a cottage just south of Minden. I decided to move here because for me it made sense economically. I also noticed that there was space in the area for teachers in music."

At the Rails End Gallery, Houghton is scheduled to perform



a solo cello recital.

"I'll be playing a selection of classical, romantic baroque pieces, a few of which I've played in the past and a couple that are new," she said.

Houghton's sister Jessica will also accompany her on violin for a duet and Rev. Margaret Milne of St. John's Anglican Church will provide back up on the piano for a select number of songs.

The evening show is one for all ages and with it Houghton hopes to bring the classical genre into the mainstream scene in this area.

"I'd like to reawaken classical music in this area," she said.

Single tickets for the show are only \$15 each, couples are \$25 and students are welcomed at \$10 each.

So whether you're planning on coming on your own, or are in search of a great Valentine's Day gift for that

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Jack de Keyzer: A Rare Breed of Artist

Multiple Award Winner and Others Set for 'Blues at the Delta'

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Jack de Keyzer has won a Juno award, he's won seven Maple Blues awards and critics have been giving his music

rave reviews for many years now. Most recently, he even gave a guitar lesson to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's son.

On Saturday, Feb. 14th at 8 p.m., this highly respected Canadian Blues artist will take centre stage at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton for the popular "Blues at the Delta" concert series. Opening up the show for him will be Canadian, finger-style guitarist Rick Fines.

Born in London, England, this Canadian resident's career has spanned over three decades. de Keyzer has released six CD's and one DVD as a leader and appeared as a session guitarist on hundreds of recordings. He has performed as a session guitarist with many artists including Etta James, Otis Rush, John Hammond Jr., Robert Gordon, Willy Big Eyes Smith, Bo Diddley and Blue Rodeo.

In a recent phone interview with *The Voice*, de Keyzer spoke of his music and let us in on what concert-goers can expect at his show.

"I'll be bringing a five-piece band with me which includes a sax player, a keyboard player, a bass player, a drummer and Jerome Godboon on the harmonica," said de Keyzer, who will be singing and playing the guitar.

In addition to receiving several awards and playing with recognized musicians, de Keyzer's songs have appeared in video, rock and blues radio charts, other artists CD's, motion pictures, TV soundtracks and most recently the Bravo Channel for the Talkin' Blues series.

Just a couple of weeks ago, one of his biggest fans, Laureen Harper (Stephen Harper's wife) made a rather unusual request to the artist extraordinaire.

"She emailed me saying that she's been a fan for many years and would like me to come down to 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa," recalled de Keyzer, who willingly said yes to the request.

While at the PM's home, he spent time giving guitar lessons to the Harpers' 12-year old son Ben.

"He already knew a few chords and riffs," said de Keyzer. "He's definitely got talent. His mom was telling me about how she sometimes finds it difficult to get him off to school because he's constantly playing."

De Keyzer, known for being an exciting entertainer, soulful

singer, virtuosic guitarist and eclectic songwriter, delights a vast spectrum of music lovers wherever he performs. Performing 150+ dates a year, the Jack de Keyzer band has toured throughout Canada, the USA, Mexico and Europe and has performed at many major blues festivals & corporate

events including: the BB King Blues Festival, the Montreal International Festival of Jazz, Puerto Blues, Mexico and Blues sur Seine, in France.

His latest album, "Blues Thing" (on the blue star imprint) is the latest milestone in the lifelong musical journey of a contemporary blues artist.

De Keyzer encourages blues enthusiasts and music lovers alike to come out for Blues at the Delta because a "rockin' good time" will be experienced by all.

"It's a high energy show," he said. "I'll also be looking forward to meeting all of the people up there!"

During his Haliburton show, de Keyzer and the band will play songs from his Juno award-winning

album "6 String Lover" and his latest release "Blues Thing".

Presented by Kashaga Productions, the Blues at the Delta concert series was first introduced to Haliburton County last May when legendary group The Downchild Blues Band got things started.

This is an age of majority event with limited tickets available. Tickets are affordably priced for this show at only \$37.50. Ensure to get yours before they sell out by going to the following locations: Henwood's General Store & Sweet



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A portion of proceeds from this event will be donated to Cottage Dreams, a local charitable organization that provides cancer survivors with a donated cottage for a week to get some rest and relaxation with their families.

Below are some of the noteworthy awards Jack de Keyzer has received over the course of his career. For more information on the artist visit www.jackdekeyzer.com.

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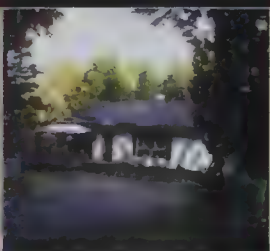
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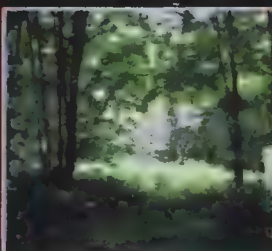
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Canadian Inspired Art Works Depicting Country's Landscape at the Rails End Gallery



On Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, an exhibition of 26 oil paintings created for The Canadian Shield Alphabet created by Myrna Guymer, along with along with a selection of paintings inspired by RoseMarie's Canadian wilderness adventures will be on exhibition for the public. On the following day, Condon will make an appearance at the gallery for an opening reception between 2-4 p.m.

About RoseMarie Condon

Exploring, sketching and photographing the Canadian wilderness from coast to coast continually provide enormous inspiration for RoseMarie Condon's paintings. Her rich palette and lively brush work combined with her understanding of composition and draftsmanship allow her to portray the natural world in a truthful, dramatic and realistic

manner.

Hiking, camping, canoeing and rafting in wilderness areas allows RoseMarie to indulge her abiding fascination with rugged Canadian landscapes. Excursions to the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, rafting on the Nahanni and Tatshenshini Rivers as well as six weeks in the High Arctic have given her a unique insight into the vastness of Canada, her fragile eco systems, flora, fauna and cultures. In addition to the extreme wilderness, RoseMarie also enjoys painting rural towns and landscapes, expressing herself with a sensitive and accomplished style using oils, acrylics or watercolours.

Born and educated in Toronto she studied watercolour and oil painting, composition, museum studies and perspective with Archibald (Dan) Logan. RoseMarie studied graphic art disciplines, colour theory, design and rendering with Vince McGill as well as layout, life studies and illustration with Fred Savard and history of art, sculpture and anatomy with William Clements.

Aside from her expressions in fine art RoseMarie is an award winning designer and illustrator of two and three dimensional children's toys and pastimes for numerous multi-national corporations. She is has also designed and illustrated logos, packaging concepts as well as animated windows.

As a fine artist she has exhibited extensively in galleries and juried art shows her painting are in numerous private collections as well as those of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Coast Guard.

RoseMarie is an active member of the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto, The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Arctic Quest and Worldwide Nature Artists Group.

As an active member of Arctic Quest RoseMarie is displaying her newest Arctic Paintings across Canada and internationally in celebration of International Polar Years 2007-2009.

About Myrna Guymer

Myrna lives with her husband in a log cabin in Denare Beach, Saskatchewan, and divides each year among the Canadian Shield, a large family, and the magnificence of Mexico.

She has a life-long love of nature, travel and history that fills her writing. A regular writer for North Roots Magazine, she is also working on two novels.

When Myrna began travelling — by foot, canoe and airplane — through the Canadian Shield, she realized the vastness and beauty of the area where she was born and lived. She wanted to share it, especially with the children of her seven daughters and two step-children. Soon, she wanted to tell the world — young and old — about the best place on earth to be — in the Canadian Shield where she finds adventure, tranquility, and unmatched beauty. ■

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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newmar



Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked those at local businesses, "How do you feel about the first-ever Frost Festival that is coming to the Village of Haliburton for the Family Day Weekend? Will you be there and what's your opinion of these large scale events and the impact they have on the community?"



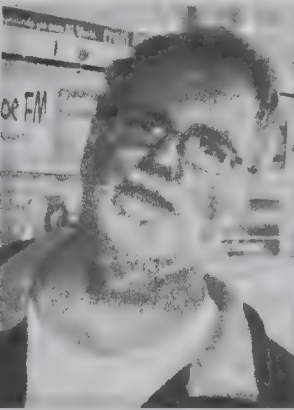
Rena Woodley, Country Kitchen Bulk Store – "My oldest daughter will be volunteering at the event. I'll be working on the Saturday until 4:30 p.m. We're hoping to bring our daughters out to the Haliburton Curling Club for some complimentary curling. I'll maybe trade off some time with my husband so I can go over and check it out. I think it's a good community event to bring everyone closer together to enjoy each other's company."



Lance Edwards, Haliburton Optical – "I'm going to go to the Frost Festival and we have friends that are coming up for it. We're going to check out the dog sledding, the Jack de Keyzer show and the rest of the festivities. It'll definitely be one of the greatest winter weekend's of the year. I think the event is a huge benefit to the community. It gets locals out and spending their money and attracts people from out of town."



Karen Frybort, McKeck's Place – "There are a lot of things going on that weekend. I'm definitely not going to miss the Jack de Keyzer show at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Saturday. One of the girls who works here booked off Sunday to check it out. There are lots of choices for people and I'm glad that we'll be busy. It gives stuff for people to do in the dead of winter."



Jim Henwood, Henwood's Variety & Sweet Shoppe – "I'll probably be there. It's nice to have a winter carnival kind of event here. Hopefully it'll get people out and about in the area. We're at a down time for the year right now and this might create much needed tourism and business that everyone can benefit from."

Cooling Experiment

German and other scientists began spreading iron sulphate powder over more than a hundred square miles of sub-Antarctic waters in a controversial experiment designed to help combat global warming. The project is attempting to "fertilize" the ocean and encourage the growth of a massive algae bloom. Researchers hope the microscopic marine plants will absorb more carbon dioxide from the air, and deposit the carbon deep in the ocean as they die and sink. The German government ordered a halt to the project just days before it was to begin out of concerns the experiment could breach international law and harm the marine environment. But a panel of experts convened at the last minute convinced the German officials that the project should proceed. The researchers say that if the technology proves effective, it could help reduce global warming at very little cost.

Irreversible Warming

The warming effect humankind has inflicted on the atmosphere will last at least a thousand years even if all the world's smokestacks and tailpipes were to suddenly stop spewing greenhouse gases, according to a new U.S. government report. "Our study convinced us that current choices regarding carbon dioxide emissions will have legacies that will irreversibly change the planet," wrote NOAA senior scientist Susan Solomon in the current issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. She and her team found that even if atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide were to decline, the oceans, which have slowed down climate change by absorbing heat, will achieve equilibrium with the atmosphere by releasing it back into the air.

Birds vs. Aircraft

A British bird management expert has advised policy makers that Canada geese need to be culled by the thousands because they pose an increasing risk to aircraft. The warning comes in the wake of the life-saving ditching of a U.S. Airways jet in New York's Hudson River after the plane struck a flock of the birds. John Allan, head of bird management at the British government's Central Science Laboratory, says smaller birds are not that great of a threat to aviation. "This particular species can cause a problem because of their size. If they are sucked into an engine, they can bring a plane down," he told the *Guardian*. Allan points out that Canada geese numbers have greatly increased in Britain, and that collisions between aircraft and birds have caused the loss of 88 aircraft and resulted in the deaths of 243 people.

Earthquakes

Thousands in northwest China were made homeless by a 5.3 magnitude quake centered near the country's border with Kazakhstan. Xinhua reports just under 200 homes were destroyed and approximately 3,000 other structures were damaged.

• Earth movements were also felt in South Australia, southern New Zealand, northwest Sumatra, south central Alaska, two points in Southern California, central Oklahoma and northeastern Arkansas.

Earth's Only Immortal

A tiny sea creature with the theoretical ability to live forever may be growing in such numbers that it could eventually disrupt the maritime environment, according to a leading marine biologist. "We are looking at a worldwide silent invasion," Mari Miglietta of Smithsonian Tropical Marine Institute told reporters. *Turritopsis nutricula* is a jellyfish-like hydrozoan native to the Caribbean. But it has been spread around the world in ship ballast, creating offspring but not dying of old age. It measures less than a quarter inch in length, and is the only known animal capable of reverting completely to its younger self. While most members of the jellyfish family usually die after propagating, *Turritopsis nutricula* is able to switch back to a juvenile form once it reproduces through a process called transdifferentiation. Its unique ability to cheat death is now the focus of research by marine biologists and geneticists, anxious to see exactly how the creature manages to reverse the aging process.

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Alaskan Rumblings

Mount Redoubt volcano threatened to spew ash over metropolitan Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula in some of its strongest activity for nearly 20 years. Several hours of volcanic tremors alerted scientists to the mountain's awakening, prompting them to warn air traffic authorities of a possible impending eruption.

Tropical Cyclones

The northwest Australian city of Onslow began cleaning up from wind damage and flooding brought on when Cyclone Dominic made landfall just a few miles east of town. Wind gusts of up to 85 mph and nearly 8 inches of rainfall were brought in by the storm.

• Cyclone Hettie formed briefly to the southeast of Fiji.

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Gave It a Try and Liked the Results

Suiting Up With Those New to Snowmobiling at the Delta Pinestone Resort

Winter is a season that I never particularly look forward to. Temperatures are set at subzero levels almost daily and bundling up from head to toe can prove to be a laborious task, especially when you're feeling sluggish or are in a hurry. It can also be tough to find outdoor activities to participate in if you don't have skis, a snowboard or feel too old to hop on a toboggan to hit the hills like you use to as a wee lad.

Well, last Saturday, everything that I required in order to have a fun and exhilarating morning in the snowy outdoors was provided to me — free of charge! Don't believe me? Read on.

About three weeks ago, I went online and signed myself up for a shot at going out on a snowmobile (with all the gear) at the Delta Pinestone Resort through the "Go Snowmobiling — Give It a Try" Tour hosted by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). In its second annual year, the tour is designed to promote snowmobiling as an enjoyable family activity and is used to attract new riders to the sport.

Within about 10 minutes of answering a few short questions on the internet site, I received a phone call from one of the event organizers to inform me that I could participate in the tour.

Through the OFSC initiative, about 20 new sleds with some of the most advanced technology were brought to the Delta Pinestone Resort for the four-day event that began on Thursday and ran until this past Sunday. The two other locations that the tour stopped off in included Pike Lake Resort in Clifford, Ontario and Saga Resort in Wasaga Beach.

My training session and ride was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and was one of two sessions held that day. When I first exited my home that morning to warm-up my vehicle and pack-up my camera, notepad and the other tools of the trade that a journalist carries, the temperature was at a glacial -27 degrees Celsius. "Just lovely," I thought to myself. "Why does it have to be this cold on the morning I'm scheduled to go out?" When thinking that, little did I know at the time, just how insulating snowmobile gear actually is.

Once at the resort, I was directed to a room where the rest of the participants in the Give It a Try Tour were located. Before heading outside to the sleds that were awaiting us, a few things had to be done.

We were shown a 10-minute video that highlighted some safety tips, basic hand signals and some of the dos and don'ts to abide by while on a machine. With our drivers license in hand, we had to fill out two separate sets of documents; one for all of our vital contact information and license number and the other to acknowledge our awareness of the risks associated with operating a powerful motor vehicle.

After indicating our sizes for the gear, it was time to suit up. Each of us was supplied with all of the necessary outerwear including: boots, a jacket, snow pants, a helmet, a balaclava and gloves.

Off we then headed, to the area of what is the fairway of the first hole on the golf course at the Pinestone during warmer and greener months. There were the 20 machines, ranging in make and model, all waiting to be mounted. The exhaust fumes still lingering in the air from when the machines were warmed up for us.

John Blaicher was the man who got us acquainted with each of our machines. Sleds were separated into two groups, making it seem as if those who have ridden in the past were in one group and those who may have never ridden before were placed in another.

For me, it was about five years ago that I first hopped on to a snowmobile. The memories of riding that Ski-Doo MXZ 800 CC still fresh in my mind as I looked over the ride that I was assigned to. It was a red and black Polaris, 600CC I believe, with a pull start ignition.

After Blaicher went over the basic controls of our sleds with us, had us practice the important hand signals (stop, left turn, right turn) and stressed to us the importance of shifting the weight of our bodies when negotiating a turn, it was time to take on the test course that lay ahead.

Though it had been a few years since I had gotten behind the

controls of one of these crotch rockets on snow capable of reaching speeds of around 200 kilometers-per-hour, not a fearful bone was in my body. In fact, with each and every passing

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Photos top to bottom: John Blaicher gets participants to raise their hands, indicating they are a-ok. A rider navigates the test run course before going out on the trails. Helping out a participant with their gear.

minute that went by as I waited for others to complete the test course, my urge to push on the throttle and see where this bad boy could take me grew. But since I tend to follow the rules, I waited patiently.

Once completing the course (in a near flawless fashion I might add), I was asked if I felt comfortable in moving to the next stage of the Give It a Try Tour. "Of course," I answered. One of the event volunteers then snapped my photograph and handed over yet another form to fill out. If I recall correctly, it was the second consecutive form in which I waived my right to sue if a mishap were to take place. Without hesitation I continued on.

After a few more minutes of waiting for everyone to line-up their sleds, we were on our journey that lasted about 45 minutes and took us across Kashagawigamog Lake by Wigamog Inn, across a few kilometers of trail where we passed several sleds, and back down the same route to the Pinestone.

While on the short expedition, we took a five-minute breather on the lake to hear from Andy Chvedukas, President of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA). Chvedukas spoke to our group about how vital snowmobile tourism is to Haliburton County's economy and how the sport is widespread in its popularity across Canada. For those new to the sport, Chvedukas encouraged them to consider purchasing a sled in the future and get into it because of how fun and easy it is for the whole family and for the camaraderie that exists amongst sled-ders.

From the experience of the brief ride that I was on, I can attest to the above statements made by Chvedukas. While on that machine I felt like a kid in a candy store who didn't want to go home, or a bird with his wings fully spread flying freely.

The adrenaline rush of quickly accelerating on the lake, seeing the sights while on the trails and tackling different types of terrain in my surroundings made me take notice of what a pleasurable outing this truly was. And after hearing from other riders in my Give It a Try session at the end of it all, it's no surprise to see why so many locals and visitors from all over have all caught the snowmobiling bug. ■



Thursday, February 5, 2009

Dallas Coach Refuses to Apologize for Lopsided 100-0 Loss

A Bully to the End Fired for No Remorse - Thus Endeth a Good Life's Lesson

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

I've never been a big fan of the bully.

They live in the schoolyard, they prey on the weak, and they are almost inevitably destined to spend the better

part of their productive lives wondering why no one much cares for their company.

They live in a cocoon of bubbled frenzy. They remain forlorn antiques. They squint often and question why the real world doesn't mimic high school, an arena where things were so nicely stacked in their favor. Where the quick fist, blunt threat and blank sociopath's stare always seemed to turn the trick.

They find life in the real world, cold, hard, complicated and inconsistent. They hate the gray shades, preferring the ersatz reality of the black and the white, sometimes taking that theme to another time-worn and inevitable conclusion. Bullies become racists, Republicans and jackboot control freaks. Once in power they revert to the schoolyard. Sometimes they sashay into politics. Sometimes they become leaders. Sometimes they become Governors of Alaska. Sometimes they shoot their friends in the face with a twelve-gauge shotgun. You know the type.

The bully in charge. He refuses to delegate and he muzzles cabinet ministers. He attempts to mollify the hard edge by donning demure cardigans. He placates his minions with soothing tones, but somewhere behind the grin, the 90-pound weakling and the schoolyard runt will detect that telltale glint in the piercing blue eyes. These leopards might alter cashmere spots but ye shall know them by that frozen grin.

They often seek therapy in their middle age.

Their psychiatrist, collecting \$300 per, will tell them things they want to hear.

Things that will shift blame to some manifest destiny.

Their mother failed at nurture. Their dad was demanding. They grew up too fast. They were victimized by a deconstructive family paradigm. They were too good looking. They are Mensa candidates. They were ahead of their time. People didn't understand them.

These things the Shrink will affirm over 10 years of intense psychotherapy and group-based dynamic sessioning. Anger management will play heavily in the mix. Spooner, Jung, Freud with spates of Dr. Phil will jangle around the loose-fitted neurons of the bully's bulletproof brainpan. Each session will end the same.

"Not your fault. Well, that's the hour Adolf. I think we're making progress here. Don't forget to pay the receptionist on your way out. See you next Thursday."

In a worse case scenario, the bully may return to that arena where doubt and the harsh world is dispelled by security's comforting blanket. In the case of bully Micah Grimes, well, he went back to high school. Grimes made headlines all over America and the world when he coached his Covenant High School girl's team to a 100-0 decision over rival Dallas Academy a few weeks back.

For the record, Dallas Academy has eight girls on its varsity team and about 20 girls in its high school. It is winless over the last four seasons. The academy specializes in teaching students

struggling with learning differences, such as short attention spans or dyslexia.

It didn't take long. Associated Press, NBC, ABC, Fox, and CBS came a calling to Covenant and last week officials from the winning school said they are trying to do the right thing by seeking a forfeit and apologizing for the margin of victory.

In a statement Thursday on The Covenant School's Web site, the head of school said, "It is shameful and an embarrassment that this happened." He went on to say that Covenant has made "a formal request to forfeit the game recognizing that a victory without honor is a great loss."

And how did the tyrant coach respond to this wringing of hands and public apology?

In a statement posted last Sunday on www.flightbasketball.com, Grimes offered his first public comment since the story was reported.

"I respectfully disagree with the apology, especially the notion that the Covenant School girls' basketball team should feel 'embarrassed' or 'ashamed.' We played the game as it was meant to be played and would not intentionally run up the score on any opponent. Although a wide-margin victory is never evidence of compassion, my girls played with honor and integrity and showed respect to Dallas Academy."

While a case can be made for the dubious scheduling of this lopsided contest, Grimes is reverting to Vlad the Impaler form when he maintains that there was anything honorable about the win or his part in the reenactment of Little Big Horn.

It was duly noted by observers that his Covenant girls came out with a full court press and they continued to shoot three pointers into the fourth quarter. There was no respect. There were high fives and there was an assistant coach urging the girls to triple digits.

It was a bullyboy job from beginning to end.

Grimes apparently did not consult his shrink or his anger management group before issuing his lamentable screed against his employers.

The school summarily and unceremoniously fired his butt. Grimes will be looking for another job.

If we're very lucky.

The Dallas school system will make mental note of this incident.

And Micah Grimes will never again have responsibility for the melding and nurture of young minds.

A Texas high school soccer coach Matt Colvin jumped into the Texas-wide debate sparked by the game with some pretty cogent and insightful words.

"Part of the job of coaching is more than the score. We want to teach to these kids that, yeah, winning and losing are important, but there are core values that you can learn and carry throughout your life. Embarrassing somebody doesn't necessarily mean you're doing your job."

We can only hope that this sage piece of advice is grist for the mill during Grimes's next foray to comfy couch.

Curling Rocks!

Submitted by: Nancy Walker

The Junior Men's Ontario Provincial curling championships were held in Gananoque, Ontario early last month.

Jake Walker and Edward Cyr, both of Minden, were both part of this amazing competition.

Jake who skips a team based out of Oakville, and Edward who vices for a team from Kitchener both attend Waterloo University.

The teams qualified by winning their respective zone regional competitions, and were one of the eight teams to represent the province. There were 73 teams vying for 32 spots in zones across the province, and then the 32 teams played each other to become the top 8 in the province.

Connor Duhaime, of Minden, representing the Minden Curling Club, and Curtis Nichol, of Haliburton, playing with a team from Peterborough, also won their respective zones. They both played in the regional competition, and narrowly missed the chance to play in the provincials.

The Ontario Provincial competition consists of a round robin. Each team plays 7 games and first place is the team with the most wins. The first place team then plays the winner of the semi-final game (second and third place team) for the championship.

The winner goes on to represent Ontario in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, competing against the winners of each province of Canada. The national winner will then go on to represent the world.

Jake and Edward's team each finished with a record of 3 wins and 4 losses, placing them in the 4th and 5th position. The competition at this level is extremely difficult, and all the teams competing are all equally capable of winning on any given day.

The winner of the provincials this year, and representing Ontario in British Columbia, is team Bowie Abbis-Mills from the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club. We wish them Good Luck at Nationals!

Jake, Edward and Connor started curling together at a very young age.

Their first major win happened when they were in Grade 7 and 8 when they placed third (out of 100 teams) at the Timbits Elementary School Competition in Ottawa.

Shortly after that, they each went their separate ways, and have been competing every year in the Ontario Junior Curling Tour, and all doing very well.

Jake is a member of the university curling team this year, and Edward was a member of the team last year. Connor is in second year Grade 12, and is skip of the Haliburton High School Curling team.

They all have a number of upcoming competitions coming up, and we will attempt to keep you apprised of their progress.

We shouldn't forget Jesse Walker and Owen Duhaime. Jesse plays with a team based out of Peterborough, and Owen with a team from Westmount.

Jesse and Owen are still Bantam age (16 and under).

They recently won their respective zones, and this past weekend, January 17-18, both teams finished one of the top two in their region.

From February 5 to 8, Jesse and Owen's teams will form two of the eight teams playing in Oshawa in the Bantam Provincial Competition. Great results from Jesse and Owen who remain bright lights on the Highlands curling billboard.

Jesse, Owen, and Curtis Nichol are also all part of the Haliburton Red Hawks Curling Team skipped by Connor Duhaime.

The Red Hawks curling team will be taking their act on the road for the Kawartha finals being held in Lindsay on February 23rd and 24th.

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ENERGUIDE

Red Hawk player To Participate in 10th Annual King Kamehameha Football Classic

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"Of course I'm excited about the opportunity, but right now I'm trying to concentrate on school," said Brown. "[The trip to Hawaii] will probably start to sink in as it gets closer to July, but right now, it's school."

The return to the football field last fall put into bas relief the importance of what used to be de rigueur in Ontario athletics. Grade thirteen: that lovely little go ramp freeway merger of realization and promise and a year that used to dovetail the dainty dip and dive from promising ingénue to full-blown star. Every now and then a seed is planted in that fifth year, a player blossoms and melds 'maybe' to 'lock.' For Brock Brown, the decision to pump the books is working out quite well indeed.

Brown, the running back, put an effervescent exclamation mark on his already stellar football career at Hal High last fall. He literally carried the senior Hawks on those marvelously churning legs to a stellar 5-1 regular season record.

And Brown, the student, is taking all things scholarly just a little more seriously this year. This winter Brown is hitting the books with an eye to moving on. He'll need to crack the entrance requirements at UWO and he knows that will only happen if he remains focused on the curriculum.

Focus, thankfully, is transferable. Brock Brown's on field focus was never in doubt and this winter he is accepting with aplomb his various and sundry tasks in the classroom.

And in so doing the multi-faceted running back has planted some seeds. Traveling to Hawaii for the 10th annual King Kamehameha Football Classic at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu will form a stunning backdrop to a growing highlight reel of accomplishments. The tournament runs from June 30th to July 7th.

The Ontario team will be coached by several coaches from the University of Toronto Varsity Blues staff. They will carry from 40 to 50 players on the roster. Last summer marked the first time that this prestigious event has been held at Aloha Stadium, home of the NFL's Pro Bowl. Numerous Division I, II and III US college coaches and recruiters will literally be living in the Aloha Stadium cheap seats for the duration of the event.

Nine teams representing 23 states competed in three divisions for individual championships at the 2008 King Kamehameha Football Classic. This year marks the first time the Classic field will include a Canadian contingent. Teams from Ontario and British Columbia have been invited to participate in this year's 10th Annual tournament. Brock Brown is in the midst of a vigorous fundraising drive spearheaded by his mom Tracey Brown.

She is not unexpectedly quite excited about the trip. Tracey and Brock are a team. She is knocking on the doors while Brock churns through his courses. The Hawaii trip comes with an attendant price tag. All players will be asked to come up with \$2500 US to cover air fare and lodging. After that there are some per diem expenses to cover other sundry costs. Tracey figures that they will have to raise about \$3200 to cover the trip.

"We got the letter about three weeks ago and we've been fundraising in the area and it's been just



fantastic the response we've had in that small amount of time," said Tracy. "We've just been going to local businesses and so far we've raised about \$2,000 in just that couple of weeks."

She said that the level of response and outpouring of support in Minden is gratifying. "When you consider how small this community is and how much we've raised already, well, it's just amazing and we're very thankful for this great response." She wanted to make sure that all of the contributors know just how much their support is appreciated especially in the midst of these dour economic times.

She has taken the reins on the fundraising part of the enterprise to allow Brock to concentrate on school. Mother and son and siblings, the Brock family presents quite a formidable flying wedge.

Brock remains that same self-deprecating entity that always made sure to credit in full the contributions of his teammates. I remember a bright fall afternoon on Red Hawk field after Brown had scored three TDs to lead the Hawks to another win. "Not on me," said Brock, tersely, after the game. "Did you see those blocks, did you watch the line? Those guys opened holes all day today; I just ran through them."

Can a guy with the bona fides to strut out a BMOC (Big Man On Campus) nonchalance really be this nice? The short answer is an emphatic yes. He is exactly who he is. A very nice young man in touch with the attendant and far-reaching costs of success.

That said, Brock does admit to being just a little overwhelmed. "Well, okay, obviously I'm excited, the cost was an issue, but I'm receiving a lot of support from a lot of people and that's really nice," said Brock. Just last week Brock said HHSS principal Gary Brohman called him into the office and presented him with a check on behalf of the coaches and the school. "That meant a lot," said Brock. He manages to get to the gym most days and he'll be hitting the drills as well as the books as the King Kam approaches.

The 2009 King Kamehameha Football Classic looks to be the largest event to date. This two-day event expects to have athletes from 45 states and two provinces participating. Greg Tackett, National Recruiting Director for Elite Sports [event organizers] says, "We could have as many as 400-450 football players participating in 2009." Elite Sports is expecting that between 30-40 college coaches will be in Hawaii to coach the participating teams.

That's step one. Step two happens upon his return when he will begin preparing for the Western Mustangs training camp slated for the last two weeks of August. "I'm pretty set with Western right now," said Brock. "I've been in touch with the coaching staff and I'll be going down there to meet with Greg Marshall."

Greg Marshall is the University of Western Ontario Mustangs head coach. Marshall is widely regarded as one of the more cogent minds on the Canadian Interuniversity Sports [CIS] dais. A Western Alum who played there from 1978-81, and a former CFL coach, Marshall was a winner of the Hec Creighton Award as the CIS most outstanding player in 1980. He played with the Edmonton Eskimos for two years and earned a Grey Cup ring with the Eskimos in 1982. An injury cut short his career in the CFL, but Marshall has established himself as a prepossessing and cutting edge coach in the CIS. His teams are consistently ranked top five in the nation.

More important than all of that? Greg Marshall is a former running back and he also possesses a finely tuned eye for talent. Put succinctly, Brock Brown and Western seem like a pretty nice fit.

A running back heading into a successful and nurturing milieu under a coach that arguably possesses one of the best offensive mindsets in Canadian college football.

Of course Brock also knows that he is on the receiving end of solid guidance and support from his own entrenched team right here in the Highlands.

He gives a gentle nod to his mom Tracey and the rest of the clan, who continue to form that tight-knit phalanx of familial support, throwing those pivotal blocks and unlocking the nickel and dime formations along the way.

For her part Tracey is just happy to help and always, like her son, giving thanks for the other team that now stands behind Brock as he prepares for Hawaii and beyond.

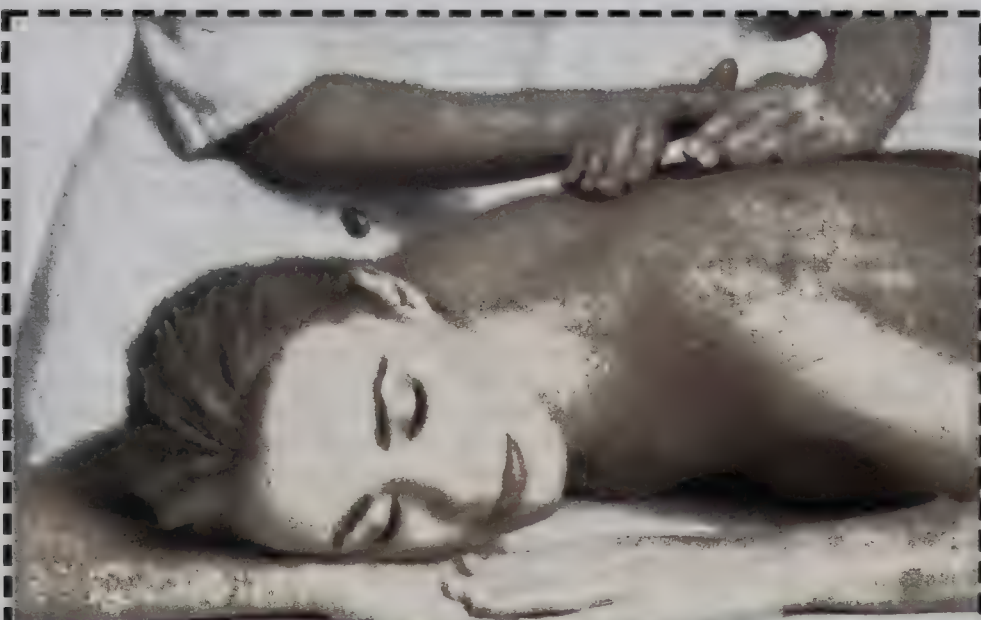
"The response from this small community has just been fantastic," says Tracey.

Small towns are like that. Hillary Clinton said that it takes a community to raise a child. That truth etched fulsome in bas relief for Tracey as she moves forward in her fundraising efforts.

Brock might put it a little differently.

"They opened the holes ... I just ran through."

Nice when a game plan comes together. ■



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"Broadband is a priority for all of us and we will continue to work with the County to help manage the expectations of residents." (Brian Morris)

Last week County Council heard representatives from Bell Aliant detail their broadband expansion work schedule and their two year project has been accelerated. Work originally thought to be completed by the end of 2010 will now be fast tracked as Bell expects to bring fibre optic technology to 4800 more homes in Haliburton County in 2009. This new schedule could open up opportunities for the County and Bell Aliant to partner on further broadband connectivity in 2010, particularly at a time when more infrastructure funding is accessible.

The impact to so many more homes and businesses by installing 45 kilometres of new fibre, tied into existing equipment, is considerable and County Council has been anxious to receive a schedule that will allow them to respond to concerns being raised by constituents who are desperate for high speed service.

Simon Chapelle, Bell Aliant's Relationship Manager from Belleville, spoke briefly about Bell Canada going through a series of layoffs which had affected over 500 management personnel including Bell Aliant's local champion Jim Neubauer. He said that Tom Blake would be the new Project Sponsor, working out of Sudbury.

Brian Morris, the company's area Senior Project Manager detailed the 'Proposed Solution' project schedule to Council. He said that existing fibre optic cable and equipment would enable them to offer service much more readily in some areas.

Morris spoke about Bell's \$2.8 million dollar project in 2007 to expand digital subscribing areas in Haliburton and Minden with assistance from OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) and said that if funding was still available through the same program they may be able to expand this project further. He also said that additional infrastructure funding would allow the company (likely in partnership with the County) to further capitalize on the project and continue to fill in the gaps.

Morris said, "Our overview layout represents a \$3.6 million dollar bill. It is a massive project to do within one fiscal year and we've been doing a lot of work to get prepared." Morris said there are some areas that won't be dealt with for now and there will still be gaps. He also said, "Broadband is a priority for us all, and we will continue to work with the County to help manage the expectations of residents."

According to Morris, the first quarter of the year will be spent dealing with funding, design, plan preparation, permitting and contract tenders. The second quarter of their project timeline will centre around installation work in Carnarvon, Halls Lake, Umbrella Lake, portions of Highways 118 and 35 (north and south) as well as Bat & South Lakes, for completion and the ability to offer customer service by the end of June.

He said, "Weather isn't conducive to construction early in the year, but we'll be giving it our best shot to offer service by the end of June in those areas."

Work will then proceed into the Haliburton area with service being extended to Drag Lake, Ingoldsby and along County Road 18. Morris said, "We're still finalizing our preferred routes, particularly into Drag Lake."

At this point several Council members jumped into the fray. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said

his biggest concern is that some areas are not being offered service. He asked if Bell's decisions were predicated by cost, and Wilson confirmed that was the case.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie was very concerned that there was so little emphasis being placed on Highlands East. He said, "We're getting a lot of calls from the Eels and Paudash Lake area. There are lots of high end cottages and it is a big catchment area, but they're not being considered."

John Welch, Bell Aliant's area Implementation Manager said that Eels Lake was serviced out of the Apsley exchange and the Paudash area out of Bancroft. He also detailed funding that might be available out of Peterborough and Bancroft for expansions in that area. Mackie, who has commented in the past that Highlands East often gets short shrift, voiced his disappointment in lack of additional service to the area. Offering a bit of an olive branch, Welch responded that work would be done extending fibre from Wilberforce through to Highland Grove and Harcourt Park.

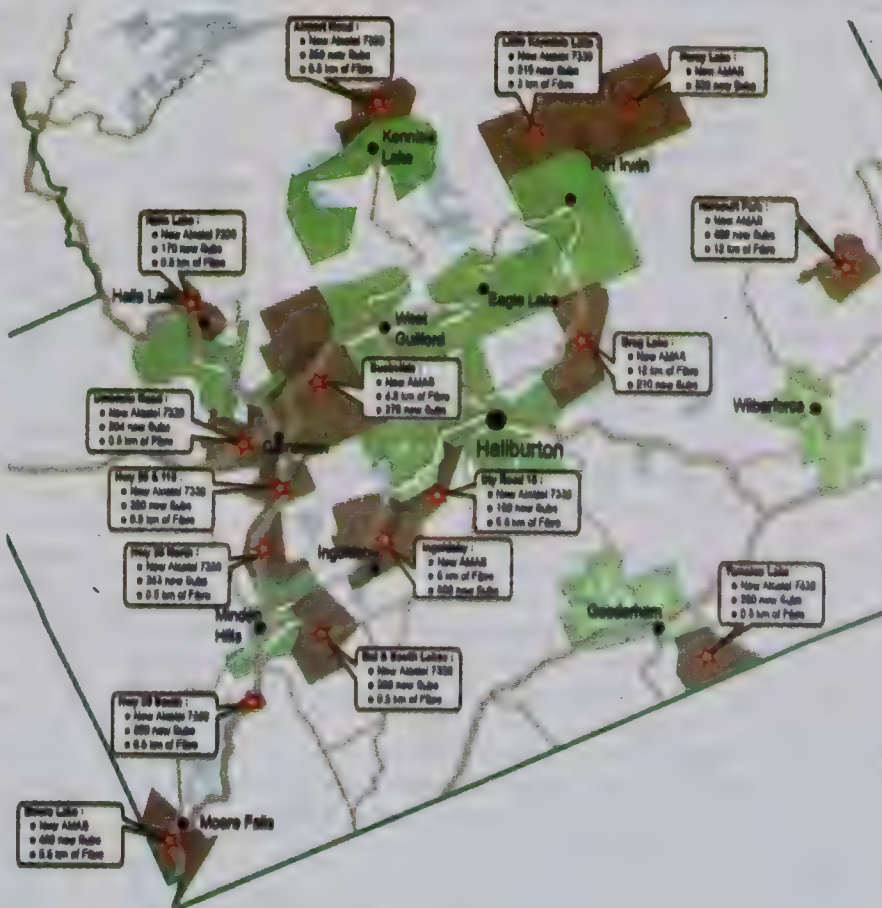
Chapelle said that there had been a lot of thought and communications about getting the best fit in the area with available funding. He said, "One of the challenges in leveraging OMAFRA funding has been that there can be no competitor in project areas." He said that as the footprint expanded installations in adjacent areas would be more viable financially and that they were trying to expedite service to the County in the best way possible using a 'blended solution' to get to the market quicker.

Welch continued with 3rd quarter timeline projections, which included West Guilford, Airport Road, Little Kennis Lake, Percy Lake with service being offered by the end of September, and in the 4th quarter to Cobocok, Moore Lake, Norland, Gooderham, Tamarac Lake and Wilberforce through to Harcourt Park. Welch did say that small portions of

this work could carry through into 2010, but that they would do their best to complete the entire project in 2009.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon said, "Help me to explain to our residents why Stoney, Bat and South Lakes, all small lakes and low population areas, can be provided with service when there is nothing for Gull and Bob Lakes."

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those nagging doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out -- especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, I married a 40-year-old woman I'll call "Phyllis." We had dated for eight years. My problem is, after all this time Phyllis still has not moved into my home. She has never moved any of her personal belongings in either. And she runs home to her mother's house six days a week.

When I try to talk to Phyllis about this, she tells me she will bring her "stuff" over, but then she returns to her mother's and nothing changes. Please tell me what to do. -- LONELY SPOUSE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LONELY SPOUSE: It appears your wife is having an unusually hard time severing the umbilical cord with her mother, who may not even be aware that her daughter has a husband. Because you and Phyllis are so far apart on the amount of togetherness it takes to nurture a successful marriage, offer her the option of marriage counseling. If she refuses, you should consult a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I have a set of beautiful rosary beads I received after my mother's passing. I brought them to work and put them on to show a co-worker, and I received comments from three different people about how they never saw anyone wear rosary beads as a necklace. They said they weren't sure it was appropriate.

It made me very uncomfortable, so I took the rosary off. I would not want to be disrespectful. Could you find out if it is appropriate to wear rosary beads as a necklace? -- VAL IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR VAL: While putting the rosary beads on may have made you feel closer to your mother, and your intention was to display them for your co-workers, rosaries are not an item of jewelry, and they are not intended to be worn. Rosary beads are an aid to prayer, meant to move gently through your fingers while praying.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Highland Storm Peewee A Poised to Advance

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

The Highland Storm's Peewee A team, sponsored by Dpollo's IGA and Floyd Hall Ins. Ltd. are now in the heat of the All-Ontario playdowns. After defeating Orono three straight, the team is now pitted against Campbellford in the best of five series. Game one was held in Haliburton Friday night. The home team found themselves down by two early in the first period and needing to regroup to accommodate to this faster paced game. The Storm would get one from Curtis Ballantyne set up by Tyler Barry before the end of the first period. In the second, Chris Hall from Curtis would tie up the game and Storm was officially back on track. Curt would make it 3-2 by the second intermission. In the third Connor Dollo from Tyler and Nathan Feir and then Julia Fedeski set up by Tyler and Curtis would give the Storm a 5-2 cushion. The Colts rallied back to make it a 5-4 game but Curtis would score unassisted, followed by Matt Hunter with a helper from Nathan. Final score 7-4 Storm.

The team travelled to Campbellford for game two on Sunday. The defence had a much stronger game for the Storm and intercepted many stretch passes attempted by the Colts. The Storm would be first on the board with a goal from Tyler, assisted by Chris and Nathan. The Colts would answer back but within the next shift the Storm would regain the lead with Matt finding the back of the net fed by Owen Flood and Chris. Nathan would simply out muscle the defense and make it 3-1 setup by Chris and Brayden Frost...the goalie of the night. Curtis would score the last goal of the game before the second period ended with an unassisted effort. In the third the Storm would play smart, strong defence to keep the Colts at bay with the final buzzer sporting a 4-1 Storm victory. Storm now leads the series 2-0 with game 3 in Haliburton Friday night at 7:30.■

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Identify the invention with which each person is most closely associated. (e.g., Alexander Graham Bell. Answer: Telephone.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Levi Strauss
Answer _____
2. Lewis Waterman
Answer _____
3. James Watt
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Alfred Nobel
Answer _____
5. Linus Yale
Answer _____
6. John Pemberton
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. James Naismith
Answer _____
8. John Logie Baird
Answer _____
9. Eli Whitney
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Bluejeans. 2. Fountain pen. 3. Steam engine. 4. Dynamite. 5. Locks. 6. Coca-Cola. 7. Basketball (sport). 8. Television. 9. Cotton gin.

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Broadbend Expansion Coming

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To that Welch responded that there was fibre and existing equipment in the area and that they could provide high speed capability at a low investment. He said that there was no fibre on Gull Lake or Bob Lake, but that they would target areas to service within the next two years depending on funding availability.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner commented on poor communications and confusion about modems, installations and passwords when service was provided at the south end of Halls Lake. Chapelle said that Bell Aliant had received a lot of feed back over the last year and the company plans to do outreach work prior to the launch of service. He said, "We'll take a more hands on approach with much greater local focus. We'll also have technicians on hand to walk seniors through the process and try to make it a better experience."

County CAO Jim Wilson confirmed that a public education component had been included in the budget for the project. Wilson also said that with Bell pressing to hold to a one year schedule, it would provide opportunities for additional funding applications. ■

Super Crossword

STRIKE ONE!

- ACROSS
- 1 Resembling

6 Lowdown lit

10 Small shot

13 Ellipse

17 Prompts

18 Sheet of stamps

19 — League

21 Send payment

23 Buenos —

24 Computer image

25 Non-stereo

26 Praise for Pavarotti

27 "Norma —" ('79 film)

28 Bruins' sch.

30 "Ada" author

33 List entry

34 Start of a remark by Will Rogers

38 Author LeShan

39 About

40 Very cold

41 Mets' milieu

44 Artist Neiman

46 Steakhouse order

49 Kasbah cap

52 Printed matter

53 Hook on a hawk

54 Wall Street spoilers

55 Poi base

56 Code letters

57 Prominent

Hatch?

58 Gardener's delight

59 So out it's in

60 Bow

61 Playground game

62 Uncool ones

63 Who stoops to conquer

64 Middle of remark

72 Snaky swimmer

73 Actor Lorenzo

74 Logical letters

75 "Knots Landing" character

76 Yankee Derek

79 Nickel creature

80 Toughen up

82 Dachshund declaration

83 Surrounded by

84 Dedicated to defamation

85 Laotian native

86 "La Boheme" seamstress

87 Lave the linoleum

88 Part of a process

89 Black piano key

90 Spirit

91 — Lanka

92 Mutt of mystery

93 — -relief

95 End of remark

106 Corner a cat

107 Indy 500 figure

108 Actress Freeman

109 Fury's food

110 Destined to diet

112 Lost

113 Ultimate whale watcher?

115 Former African nation

117 Actress Marisa

118 Garr of "Mr. Mom"

119 Theater section

120 New York city

121 Salamander

122 57 Across, e.g.

123 Look like a letch

124 Com. treaty

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1 Peck part

2 A Heep of

Dickens

3 Come around

4 Look at

5 Sent out

6 Like some milk

7 Jungle bird

8 Top numero

9 "In Memoriam" poet

10 Hefty grass

11 Witch wheels?

12 Low-octane joe?

13 Sphere

14 Prove

15 Famed figure in fiddles

16 Bile producer

20 Opus

22 Magnum opus

29 R.E. Lee's govt.

31 Part of DA

32 Scores in ores

35 Best

36 Hitter Hank

37 Sail through

41 Scarecrow stuffing

42 Monsieur Matisse

43 Precise

44 A particular Key

45 Lilly of pharmaceu-

ticals

46 Mans the bar

47 Met men

48 Rossini's "Le Comte —"

49 Some trimmings

50 Bungle

51 Gnus center?

53 Seek out a school?

54 Conifer coverings

55 Really rain

57 Sleek swimmer

58 Some kind of a nut

59 — Island

62 "In Search of . . ." host

63 Unyielding

65 Pay attention to

66 Opens the mail

67 Discernment

68 Hunker down

69 Serve a purpose

70 Fate

71 Impish

76 Berry sweet stuff?

77 Funny Philips

78 Inside info

79 Herd word

80 Farouk's faith

81 Nicole on

"Fame"

84 Exercises the arms

85 "— is said and done"

86 A real butte

88 Expert

89 Tennis legend

91 Playground feature

92 Reach

93 Prohibition

94 Woman warrior

95 Subway station

96 Papal name

97 "Superman" star

98 Coup d'—

99 Desert refuges

100 Jacques, for one

101 Effigy

102 Like a judge

103 Man of steal?

104 Jeweler's weight

105 African scavenger

111 Tolkien creation

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County Budget Finalized

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Last week County Council officially adopted the by-law that sets County tax levies. Once all the dust had settled Council and staff managed to achieve an overall decrease in the residential tax rate of 9.5 percent. This will mean that anyone experiencing an increase in their assessment of this amount will not pay additional County taxes. The final net budget of \$10,238,900 represents an increase of 1.4 percent from last year.

The budget was presented to Council much earlier this year than in previous years and since their meeting in December, the County has been hit with a number of changes. County Treasurer Laura Janke says that they received a much greater claw back than anticipated in the funding received through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund for the delivery of Social Programs.

Janke says this is the change that 'sticks out like a sore thumb' as the County had been advised that their funding would not change. This resulted in \$406,000 less funding than anticipated due to the province uploading the Ontario Disability Support Program.

Other factors influencing the bottom line and creating the need to once again carefully scrutinize and dig into every corner, seeking ways to reduce the overall budget included an unanticipated increase in the cost of benefits (through Manulife) in all departments, a reduction in capital funding for library equipment, Council's request to fund the Children's Water Festival and a three percent increase to the amount to be paid to MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation).

In December, County Council directed staff to make reductions that amounted to almost \$145,000 and even after that was accomplished, Janke says that the changes to their funding formula required even further reductions totalling another \$145,000. Recommendations were taken to Council at the committee level and the Finance Committee provided staff with direction.

To achieve their goal, reductions were made to contributions to a number of reserves, a reduction in rail corridor maintenance, a reduction in broadband capital and reductions in training costs.

During their discussions Janke asked Council to keep in mind that infrastructure funding will require the County to have some flexibility in order to take advantage of any opportunities that become available.

According to Janke Council was able to achieve a decrease in the tax rate in part due to the growth in assessment associated with new development (not to be confused with the increases in assessment through MPAC).

When asked about the County's part in trying to stimulate the local economy, Janke said, "We're very cognizant of the fact that there are funding opportunities that will cause us to pay our share in order to help projects move ahead. In order to handle our contribution, we will be faced with either deficit or debenture financing."

Janke said, "The message that I would like to convey is that in order to hold the line and have no increase in the County's portion of the tax bill we spend a lot of time looking at where the impact would be the least and the taxpayer would still get the best bang for their buck. There are certain areas of the budget that we have no control over and are ground in stone and reductions had to be made in discretionary areas like training or reserves."

The County will be raising \$10,238,900 which is broken down into percentages from each Municipality. Highlands East pays the least at 14% which equals a total levy of \$1,445,687, then Algonquin Highlands at 21% equalling \$2,192,358, Minden Hills at 27% or \$2,770,889 and finally Dysart at 37% or \$3,829,966.

Janke said, "The rate itself, which is standard across the County, will result in a cost to residents of \$183.30 for every hundred thousand dollars of assessment for County services, regardless of where you live in the County."

It is interesting to note that, despite their earlier decision not to fund additional requests from external boards and organizations, Council did agree to provide \$1,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Community Action Group for the "Party in the Right Spirit" event held for graduating students. At Dysart's Reeve Murray Fearrey's recommendation, the money will come out of Council's own expense fund for conferences and Council readily agreed. ■

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Notices



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART et al FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Municipality is seeking members to join the Volunteer Fire Department. The successful applicants must have, or be willing to obtain, a valid D license, with Z endorsement, and CPR and First Aid training. Preference will be given to qualified individuals who are available for calls during the week days close to the Village of Haliburton. Qualified individuals who wish to be part of the comradeship of a Volunteer Fire Department are encouraged to submit a resume on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2009 to the undersigned:

Dysart Fire Department,
PO Box 359,
Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0

Attention: Miles Maughan, Fire Chief.

We thank all those that apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of job selection.



County Council Date Change Notification

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the regular February 18th Session of County Council has been cancelled and the regular February Standing Committee meetings will be rescheduled to take place on February 18th, 2009. Please refer to the online meeting calendar at www.haliburtoncounty.ca or call the County office at 705-286-1333 for details of standing committee meeting times and locations.

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
County of Haliburton

Death Notices



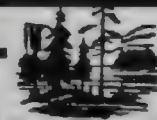
Edward 'Ed' McGrath (Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

Peacefully at his residence in West Guilford on Saturday evening, January 31, 2009 in his 78th year. Dearly loved friend and husband of Janet McGrath (nee Carbray). Loving father of Michael, Cathy (Philip Sally), Tom (Patti) and Gerard. Ed was a second father to Kim (Ian Wilson), Beth (Tony Frith), Scott & Ron Murray. Proud Grandpa to John (Mandi), Richard, Mike (Melanie), Grant, Lily, Cathy, Joey, Ken, Jan, Les (Amanda), Matt, Ben (predeceased), Sylvain, Celeste, Hugh, Jenny & Jesse. Great Grandpa (G.G.) to Kaylin, Jayse, Madison, Mark, Ben, Tristan, Jayda, Kiera & Hailey. Ed will be missed by his sister Margaret McGrath (S.St.J.) and his brother Gary (Marg) and their family, his many nieces and nephews and good friends here and in Scotland & England.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday evening, February 3, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Then to ST. ANTHONY'S OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday afternoon, February 4, 2009 for Funeral Mass at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to Ed's favourite charity - Sleeping Children Around The World 128 Pinehurst Crescent, Islington, Ontario M9A 3A5 would be appreciated by the family.

www.communityfuneralhomes.com



Charlotte 'Lottie' Nicholls (Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday morning, January 29, 2009 in her 93rd year. Predeceased by her husbands William Mathews and Bert Nicholls. She leaves her sons Dan (Arlene), Bob and Rick (Teresa). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Toni, Sherry (Bill), Parish (Julie), Travis, Jason, her great grandchildren Tom, Samantha, Katie, Michael, Tyler, Dakota, Wyatt and her great great granddaughter Madisson. Predeceased by her grandson Ben, her granddaughter Robbin, and great grandson Mathew. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, January 14, 2009 from 1 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy please consider donations to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Ontario Region in support of Jerry's Joggers Run Team. Jerry will forever live on through her children.

Visitation & Memorial Service

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the MAPLE VIEW APTS 2117 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, February 21, 2009 from 1 until 3 o'clock. Interment later Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Toronto. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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ROOMS FOR RENT - \$250.00 a month, 2 bedroom cottage \$995.00 a month - furnished, all incl., 1 bedroom cottage \$815.00 a month - all incl. Contact 455-2390 (text to cell phone) or 754-4054. (A0209-0047)

FOR RENT - 1 bedroom, well maintained apartment available. Maple Lake area. Private deck, parking, heat, hydro and basic satellite included. Non-smoker, no pets. \$625 a month. Call (705) 754-9732 (C0209-0045)

FOR RENT - 3-bedroom house on lake, 10 minute drive to Haliburton. \$900.00 + utilities. Call 457-2750 for more details. (B0209-0069)

FOR RENT - Norland area 2 bedroom, fully renovated home located on 50 acres. \$850.00 a month + utilities. Available immediately. Call (705) 454-1239 (A0209-0032)

FOR RENT - House for rent in town of Minden. 3 minute walk from main street. Lovely well appointed 2 bedroom home. Large livingroom with fireplace, large deck off livingroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, hardwood floors/carpet throughout. Fridge and stove included. No smoking. \$850.00 + utilities. First and last & references required. Call 286-6167 (A0209-0012)

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom "furnished" apartment for rent in Haliburton Available now until fall. \$650.00 per month + utilities. 3 kms of town just past the Independent. References required. Ask for Ray 705-457-1402 days. (E1209-0013)

Storage Rentals

SELF STORAGE UNITS - 24 hour access, 260 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton. Call (705) 457-9732 (C0209-0033)

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FOR SALE - Cut, split and delivered. Place your firewood ordered now. Call Darren 754-9988 (D0209-0040)

FOR SALE - EVERYTHING MUST GO! - Cherry wood Crib - mattress included, mint condition \$400.00. Baby Swing - blue & beige in colour \$30.00. Children's Dora pink toddler bed (mattress not included) \$70.00, Baby bassinet - green & beige in colour (used for only 7 months) \$70.00. Graco highchair \$70.00. Please contact Carrie or Ryan (705) 754-3625 (E1209-0017)

FOR SALE - Automotive, Snowmobile, ATV, Marine Parts & Accessories. Complete line of Hunting, Archery, Fishing tackle, Paintball, Soft Air Guns & Accessories, and Live Bait & Licensing. The Wild Outdoors formerly CC Enterprises. 163 Highland Street, Haliburton (705) 457-5334 Open 7 days a week. (D0609-0018)

FOR SALE - NEW COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEMS. 30 Years of experience in Minden and Haliburton area. We take care of all paperwork and permits. Fully licenced, health unit inspected. Call for a free estimate, Brent Colman Trucking and Escavating at 705-286-3952 or 1-800-357-8711 (E1209-0019)

Vehicles For Sale

2000 GMC SAVANNA VAN - V8, complete with roof racks and metal shelving. 180,000 km. New tires. As is \$3000.00 Call 457-2375 (A0209-0042)

Vehicles For Sale

2004 FORD E250 CARGO VAN - V8 complete with roof racks, metal shelving. 113,000 km. Certified \$10,000. Call 457-2375 (A0209-0043)

1999 DODGE CARAVAN - New snow tires, good summer tires, needs transmission work. As is \$650 o.b.o. Call 457-1013 & leave message. (A0209-0031)

1984 GMC 3/4 TON PICKUP WITH PLOW - Flat deck, 8 inch Myers snowplow, 6-way blade. Good condition needs little to certify. Asking \$4000.00. Call James Reynolds after 6 pm. 455-9186 (A0209-0030)

1994 GRAND AM - Great parts car. AS IS \$375.00 Call Ryan or Carrie (705) 754-3625 (E1209-0021)

FOR SALE: 5 foot snowplow for ATV includes mount for Honda or Bombardier. Asking \$375.00. Call 286-2685 (A0209-0041)

FOR SALE - 8 foot Meyers commercial snow plow, quick connect system 4 yrs old, used for private use only, is in really good shape and very well maintained. came off of a Ford F250 but can be installed on any vehicle. \$3000 call 705-754-9030 (A0209-0034)

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WANTED - Old or antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920. Clean up of scrap cars or metal as well. (E1209-0023)

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ODD JOB JACK-YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN 448-9965 For any and all odd jobs. What can we do for you? Email oddjobjack@yahoo.ca (E1209-0028)

Employment Ops

Willow Beach Cottages is seeking a student to work Sunday afternoon to support a variety of cottage maintenance activities. Will provide training. Please call 457-1110. (A0209-0036)

Notices

The Haliburton Highlands Weavers and Spinners Guild is celebrating Minden's Sesquicentennial by weaving a wool rag rug on the guild's hundred inch loom. We invite the Minden community to join us in this endeavour by donating old woolen blankets of any colour and/or help us cut the blankets into strips for weaving. The completed rug will be donated to the Minden Museum for use in the Bowron Log Home. All participants will be acknowledged on a Volunteer Scroll. To donate blankets or volunteer to cut strips, please call Jean at 286-2843. The 100 inch loom is located at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Invergordon Ave. in Minden and cutting and collecting will be done there. We hope you can participate in our project. (A0209-0047)

Notices

TAKE NOTICE: That the Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society will take place on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion located in the high school. Memberships will be available at the door. For further information, contact the Theatre Manager, 457-1235 (A0209-0037)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, A Christ-centered recovery group for all of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. A time of worship, teaching, Small Groups, and community. Meet others journeying this same road as you, & take steps towards freedom from the addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours that hold your life back. Every Monday Night 7 - 10 PM at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton. 457-2851 www.celebraterecovery.com (E1209-0029)

To get your classifieds in next weeks issue call 457-5001

Have an event? Tell us about it. Call 457-5001

Help Wanted

COMMUNITY CARE HALIBURTON COUNTY (CCHC)

CCHC is a not for profit charitable organization which provide community support services to seniors and adults with disabilities and/or illnesses and their caregivers. CCHC has a new 7 passenger van and we are looking for the right person to help us develop and implement a new transportation service.

Position: Casual Driver - 14.5 hours per week on a 6 month contract, with the potential for renewal.

Position Summary:

To coordinate daily operations of the agency van program and perform transportation administrative procedures; To arrange for maintenance and care of the agency van; To provide safe transportation of Agency clients; To assist and work with staff and volunteers when necessary; To follow health and safety standards.

Qualifications:

Access to a vehicle and a valid Ontario G Drivers License; Clean and recent Drivers Abstract; Valid certification in Emergency First Aid and Heart Saver CPR; Working knowledge of safety standards for transporting frail, elderly and or disabled adults; Some physical activity including lifting and carrying of groceries will be required; A team player; Excellent communication skills; detail oriented; Be able to gather information and data and interpret it; Working knowledge of computer software including MS Office; Ability to maintain confidentiality; Self motivated to do the job.

Please submit application and detailed resume and references via mail or e-mail by 12 noon Feb. 9, 2009 to:

Donna MacDonald, Executive Director
Community Care Haliburton County
Box 956 Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0
donnamacdonald@communitycarehaliburton.com

Note: a complete job description is available at our office. We thank all who apply, but only those granted an interview will be contacted.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Full time position requires person to make weekly deliveries of newspapers throughout the county (involves a lot of heavy lifting). Position also includes other in-house duties as required. Must have good phone manners, some computer skills, present self well with clean and neat appearance as position requires dealing with the public. Must be over 25 yrs of age with clean driving record. Vehicle supplied by company. Hourly wage to be discussed. Call 705-457-5001 to arrange an interview.



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Well cared for home has many upgrades/renos in adult community 2 min from Minden. Small maintenance fee covers snow removal, garbage p/u, & more.

Dagmar Boettcher - 286-2138

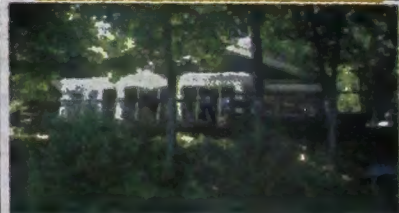
Bungalow \$179,000



This fabulous in town bungalow features 800+ sq ft., 2 BR, a detached 2 car garage, municipal sewers, within walking distance to all of Haliburton's amenities.

Drew Bishop - 457-2128

This Cottage Pays You! \$569,000



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Located on over 21 acres with pond, this 3 bdrm home is ideal for the large family and is suited to a home based business.

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Greg Stamp 457-2128

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Great 3 BR cottage with pine floors throughout, cathedral ceiling, woodstove on a beautiful well treed private property. West exp. on a quiet no motor lake.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

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Vintage 3 BR cottage, 720 sq ft, airtight woodstove on the perfect flat lot with flat rock & sand beach shoreline on a municipal road located in a quiet dead end bay.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

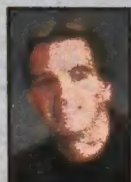
Minden Bungalow \$249,900



Newly renovated brick bungalow with newer kitchen, ensuite bath and two garages off circular driveway. Immaculately kept!

Janice Brookes 457-2128

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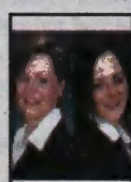
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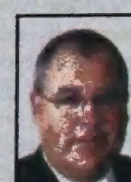
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